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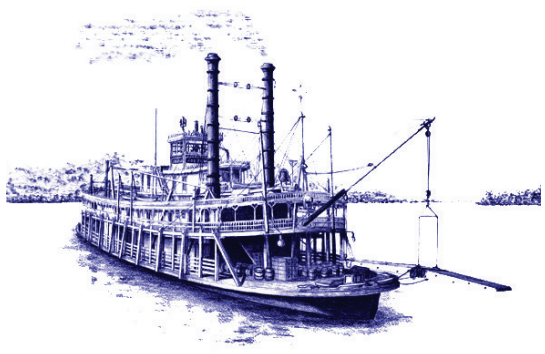

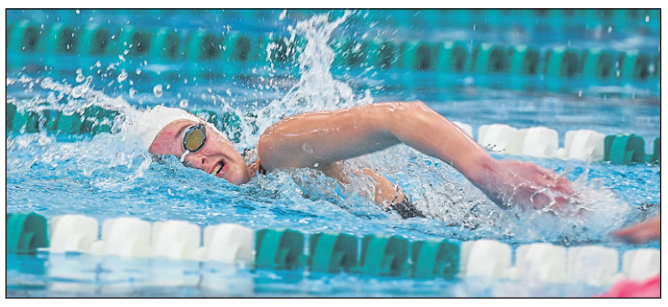

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MCS awarded $750,000 child care grant

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A $750,000 Employer-Sponsored Child Care Grant was been awarded to Madison Consolidated Schools as Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb announced Tuesday grants throughout the state.

"This grant will be life-changing for residents of Jefferson County," said Dr. Teresa Brown, Superintendent. "We saw an opportunity, contacted some of our closest community partners, and will work together to bring early child care for children ages 0-3 years old to our community as quickly as possible."

Holcomb announced that the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Office (FSSA) of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning is awarding another $6.9 million in employer-sponsored childcare grants to an additional 22 businesses, community groups, and school corporations — bringing the total investment to $25 million to create or expand child care offerings that address the needs of working Hoosiers. Madison Consolidated Schools is the only district in the region and the only rural school corporation in the state to be awarded the full amount available.

"This was a true collaboration on the part of many community employers," Brown said.

Representing approximately 4,474 employees, partners involved in bringing the initiative to reality are Ivy Tech Community College Madison, Arvin Sango Inc., Super-ATV, Royer Corporation, Norton King's Daughters Health, Grote Industries, City of Madison, Madison Precision Products and Vehicle Service Group. The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce and Community Foundation of Madison Jefferson County also provided letters of support on behalf of the initiative.

"As we talk with our community partners, we know that everyone is struggling to find employees," said Brown. "A specific, and frequently noted barrier for all of us has been a lack of early childhood care facilities. Not having sufficient daycare has made it difficult to retain employees and contributes to absenteeism. We knew we had to do all we could to make this happen for our families and employers so that we can continue to build a thriving local and regional economy."

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BPWS passes resolution to repeal city garbage ordinance

1st step in proposal to increase trash, recycling fees to $20 monthly

BY BOB DEMAREE

Madison's Board of Public Works and Safety adopted a resolution Monday recommending that city council repeal and replace the city's garbage collection ordinance — the first step toward establishing a new rate structure for household trash, recycling and composting collection.

The last garbage ordinance was enacted April 2, 2013, with certain sections regarding transfer station rates updated in June 20 of last year.

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney cited large deficits due to rising costs and the need to invest in upgrades to city operations as the reason for a new rate structure that would increase the monthly bill for trash and recycling/composting from $9.85 to $20.

"Keeping our community clean is extremely important and it takes a multimillion dollar investment to operate our solid waste and recycling utility. Since 1985 when the landfill closed, the city has operated this utility in largely the same way while over this nearly 40-year period, new options to make the process more efficient, more cost effective and especially safer for our employees have evolved," said Courtney.

"Faced with large deficits due to rising costs for our trash disposal, higher labor costs, cumulative inflation and the lack of price adjustments in over a decade, in June 2023 we began the process of modifying our rate structure by phasing in rate adjustments at the transfer station and absorbing over $1 million of deficits for household services in the past seven years."

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Railroad projecting continued growth

Bob Demaree

Madison Railroad Manager Adam Robillard said the fires seen near tanker cars on the city-owned rail line are part of the process for cleaning and repairing rail cars by one of the railroad's clients, Red Ball Recycling, to burn off propane residue before welding and other repairs.

Fires caused by burning off propane before rail car repairs

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Madison Railroad took to the City of Madison's Facebook page last week to explain a process that has alarmed more than a few local residents over the last few months.

People living, working or traveling in the area of Wilson Avenue and Industrial Drive were surprised to see flames in the area of the lines of rail tanker cars sitting on the tracks in that area. According to Madison Railroad Manager Adam Robillard, it's not the first time for the fires, which are part of the process for cleaning and repairing rail cars by one of the railroad's clients, Red Ball Recycling.

He said the cars, which were used to transport propane, are being prepared for cleaning and repair by burning off any propane residue or gas that remains in the tanks before workers begin the process of cleaning and repairing the cars using processes that often involve welding.

"There's always some propane residue in the cars and you can't weld on the cars if they still contain propane or they could explode," Robillard said. "This is the safest and most environmental way to do it" he said noting that venting the gas would actually be more harmful to the environment and community and that "no permits are required" since the area is "zoned heavy industry."

The venting of the propane does not actually take place on the rail car. Instead a hose is attached to the car which leads to a burn pipe that keeps all flames well above ground and far away from the cars.

"This activity will occasionally be necessary as part of regular maintenance on rail cars. Rail cars, similar to gas lines and propane tanks, need to be purged of residual flammable products in order to ensure tanks are safe for welding and repair," the railroad said in a statement. "Flaring is the most environmentally friendly and safest way to make this happen. We understand that any unexpected burning may cause concern. However, we assure you that we will take all necessary precautions to minimize any potential disturbances which include daytime-only operations and advance notice to emergency response agencies.

"Your safety and comfort are our top priorities, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this ongoing process. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to reach out to us directly."

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Over the past year, Madison Railroad has become increasingly active and the projection is for continued growth in 2024, according to Manager Adam Robillard.

Robillard was invited to Madison City Council recently to talk about the projects the 25-mile railroad between Madison and North Vernon has completed or launched in 2023 and to provide some insight on what lies ahead in 2024.

The railroad, owned by the city of Madison since 1978 and managed by Robillard and the city's Port Authority, completed a $5.2 million bridge replacement of the Graham Creek Bridge in northern Jefferson County, purchased 24 acres near the former Jefferson Proving Ground where the railroad is based, completed the first phase of transload site improvements and invested more than $1.2 million in track improvements in both Jefferson and Jennings counties combined.

All that investment has laid the groundwork for the Class 3 commercial carrier rail line to become an even bigger player in business transportation for Madison and North Vernon where the line links up with CSX Transportation's rail line to Cincinnati. Madison Railroad employed eight and generated $2.1 million in revenue in 2023.

So far Madison Railroad has partnered with new businesses — most that will use the transload facility for rail car and passenger car repair and cleaning and scrap processing, to create 40 new jobs in the Madison community as well as additional rail shipping and receiving at industries in North Vernon where the line ends about 1 mile north of downtown.

Robillard said he expects the transload facility to bring in a steady stream of business to Madison Railroad and the companies that are locating at JPG and Madison to utilize the facilities.

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Activists renew push to repeal Kentucky near-total abortion ban

BY BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Abortion rights supporters mounted another push Wednesday to restore abortion access in Kentucky, but the Democratic lawmaker sponsoring the legislation acknowledged the odds are overwhelmingly against them in the Republican-dominated legislature.

A near-total abortion ban has been in place in Kentucky since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022. The so-called trigger law banned abortions except when carried out to save the mother's life. It does not include exceptions for pregnancies caused by rape or incest.

GROWTH

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He cited the railroad's efficient operation — rail transportation is 3-4 times as fuel efficient as trucking while producing only 1.9% the emissions — and safe operation — he said last quarter was the safest quarter ever for rail transportation.

In addition to those benefits, Robillard said rail transportation in Madison is being utilized to ship the ash byproduct from the Clifty Creek Power Plant to then be used in industrial processes to make gypsum boards used in home construction. It's a process that keeps the ash out of the plant's landfill and turns industrial waste into a product used by consumers.

The ash from IKE is currently being trucked from the power plant to JPG where it is loaded onto rail cars. Noting that the rail line was formerly open all the way into downtown Madison and then west to the power plant, Robillard was asked if there were any plans to reopen the incline from the hilltop to downtown Madison.

He said the incline, which is very steep and in disrepair and has not been used in decades, is considered "active but out of service" and while the railroad could put it back in service, the cost for that would be expensive and there are no plans to do that currently.

"We are doing all the shipping at our transload facility and there are no plans to go through to the power plant," Robillard said. "The railroad line to downtown Madison is active but out of service."

One of the downsides to additional rail activity for local residents is additional rail traffic at crossings. However, Robillard said Madison Railroad is tracking that situation and studying ways to reduce the amount of time and time of day roads are blocked by rail cars being moved from one location to another.

"We're tracking those crossing blockages and tweaking schedules," he said.

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Madison Consolidated Schools offers discounted preschool tuition to its employees for their children to attend an FSSA Level III Paths to Quality Certified preschool housed within each elementary school of the school corporation. Other employer partners offer their employees tuition benefits for two weeks of emergency childcare through www.care.com. Although these employers are offered emergency childcare, there is no guarantee that this childcare meets FSSA Paths to Quality regulations.

The most recent childcare needs assessment conducted by the Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) service center, SDA 5 Building Blocks, revealed that Jefferson County, Indiana, is only able to serve 10.7% of its child care-dependent population in a high-quality setting. This dictates that even in the event of providing childcare benefits, there is extremely limited capacity in our community to support such a critical need.

Of the 2,190 children who are in need of high-quality childcare services, 16% of whom live in poverty, Madison only has service capacity for 235. This leaves 1,955 children in a state of vulnerability. The nearest licensed infant and toddler provider to Madison is The Vanguard Academy, which is located more than 30 miles, or 54 minutes from Madison in Prospect, Kentucky.

Even when employers and individuals in our community partner with our CCR&R service center to identify and locate Indiana Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) providers there are no options for almost 90% of the community. This lack of facility capacity places our most vulnerable children in the care of unlicensed professionals who are not adequately trained in early childhood education, child development, and natal care. Through this grant, Madison Consolidated Schools and the employers who partnered with Madison Consolidated Schools in this application, hope to be able to provide quality daycare options and expanded childcare benefits.

"We value our employees and their families and want to be able to provide a resource that supports our workforce and community. Our children deserve every opportunity," Brown said.

MCS and its partners will meet soon and form an advisory board to begin making decisions for our community daycare. Facility spaces will be constructed over the next three years until full capacity is reached. The goal of the school corporation is for the center to open in January 2025, with a first phase grand opening taking place on Feb. 1, 2025.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with our partners to create a solution that will improve the quality of life for the families of Jefferson County," Brown said. "Our partners indicated they share a need for quality daycare for their employees too. The advisory board will collaborate to make decisions regarding the infrastructure and operations of the facility. We will work together to create a business plan that provides sustainable quality child care for ages 0-5 for Jefferson County residents. This has huge economic implications for Jefferson County. The mayor has also indicated that new housing is being constructed and families need to have options for child care so they are able to move to Jefferson County for jobs. We are excited that we will be working toward the common goal of improving opportunities for our children."

Educators claim $1 million Powerball after playing same numbers since 2019

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — A group of employees and teachers from a Kentucky middle school who bought a $1 million Powerball winning ticket tucked it in a math textbook for safekeeping before claiming the prize last week.

The group of 30 educators, some retired, met at Rector A. Jones Middle School in northern Kentucky near Cincinnati and have been playing the Powerball together for eight years. They call themselves the "Jones 30," and the members include counselors, administrators, teachers and some retirees from the school, according to a media release from the state lottery.

They've been playing the same Powerball numbers since 2019, when they drew them randomly from a hat.

On Saturday, those numbers, 7-38-65-66-68, finally hit. Their ticket matched all five white numbered balls in the drawing, but missed the Powerball, giving them a $1 million prize.

Sharon Reynolds, a vice principal at the middle school, said she got a call Sunday morning from a teacher in the group saying she believed they had won.

"She said, 'I think we won big.' I said, 'How big?' " Reynolds said. "She said, 'I think it's a million.' "

After school ended on Tuesday, the group carpooled to Louisville, about a 90-minute drive, with the winning ticket safely stashed away in a math textbook, page 200.

Arriving at lottery headquarters in Louisville, officials greeted them each with their individual winnings — $24,000 each after taxes.

Kentucky Lottery President Mary Harville handed them the winning checks.

"Kentucky Lottery games create fun for our players, and these winning educators were having the time of their lives," Harville said in the release.

Reynolds plans to give each of her children part of the winnings. One of her three daughters is getting married this year, and another needs new tires for her car.

"As teachers, we don't make big money," said Reynolds, who's been at the school in Florence, Kentucky, for 23 years. "I wish every teacher in Kentucky would get this."

The group members said they plan to continue playing the lottery.

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INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 8-10-22-31-34-38 (2/3). Next Estimated Jackpot: $4.2 million. Next Drawing (2/7).

Cash Five: 1-9-17-34-42 (2/4)

Cash 4 Life: 30-32-37-47-59 CB: 4 (2/4)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 11-13-16-28 CB 22 (2/4)

Kentucky 5 Extra: 11-13-21-25-33 (2/4)

Lucky For Life: 10-16-27-33-44 LB: 13 (2/4)

MEGAMILLIONS: 11-22-42-64-69 MB: 18, MP 3 (2/2). Next Jackpot: $358 million. Next Drawing (2/6)

POWERBALL: 9-11-27-59-66 PB: 19, PP 3 (2/3). Next Estimated Jackpot: $214 million. Next Drawing (2/5)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 23-26-30-35-39 PB: 13 (2/3). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (2/5)

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

FEBRUARY 6
Teresa Gwen Keller

FEBRUARY 7
Larry Henry
Kathy Fisher Pommerehn

FEBRUARY 8
Donna Jackson

FEBRUARY 10
Jerry Yarnetsky

FEBRUARY 12
Warren Auxier
Janet Lowry

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS

February 1, 2024

• Kasey Ray Norman, 31, Madison, for Criminal Confinement, Communication-Intimidation and Strangulation, all Level 6 felonies; Communication-Interfere in the Reporting of a Crime, Battery-Domestic and Resisting Law Enforcement, all Class A misdemeanors. No bond.

• William Albert Sargent, 31, Dupont, Indiana, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

• Jasmine Boldery Box, 27, Madison, on a parole hold warrant. No bond.

February 2, 2024

• Derek Patrick Paul Snell, 30, Madison, for Battery-Domestic and Communication-Intimidation, both Level 5 felonies; and Battery-Domestic, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

February 3, 2024

• Corey Robert Lewis, 31, Madison, for Criminal Trespass, a Level 6 felony; Driving While Suspended-Prior Suspension Within 10 Years, a Class A misdemeanor; and on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond a combined $2,500 cash.

February 4, 2024

• Antonio M. Rivera, 52, Madison, Driving While Suspended-Prior Suspension Within 10 Years and Possession of Marijuana, both Class A misdemeanors. Released on own recognizance.

• Luke Kwong Yu, 47, Madison, for Battery-Domestic, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR & CIRCUIT COURT

SENTENCINGS

January 31, 2024

• Levy Watne Littrell, 31, North Vernon, Indiana, to an amended charge of Unlawful Possession of a Syringe, a Level 6 felony with Habitual Offender enhancement. Sentenced to a combined 1,100 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 430 days served and 370 days suspended to supervised probation plus $489 in fees and court costs.

• Jeremy Shephard, 46, Madison, to amended charges of Forgery, a Level 6 felony and Theft-Intent to Defraud, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to a combined 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 438 days served plus $389 in fees and court costs.

• Zachary Thad Watson, 30, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 16 days served and 524 days suspended to supervised probation plus $889 in fees and court costs.

• Ethan E. Campbell, 34, Madison, to an amended charge of Maintaining a Common Nuisance and Unlawful Possession of a Syringe, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction on each count, concurrent but consecutive to prior suspended sentence of 335 days at IDOC for possession of methamphetamine conviction plus $289 in fees and court costs.

February 1, 2024

• Donald Lee Anderson, 59, Madison, to an amended charge of Theft, $750-$50,000, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 6 days served and 534 days suspended to supervised probation plus $489 in fees and court costs and $17,401 in restitution to the US Social Security Administration.

• Paul Kevin Nicholas Geyman, 30, Madison, to an amended charge of Domestic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 6 days served and 174 days suspended to supervised probation plus $389 in fees and court costs and No Contact Orders to remain in effect as a term of probation.

• Adam Dale Leathermon, 30, Madison, to Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus $239 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

February 1, 2024

• Virginia K. Welch and Virginia K. Welch-Callis to Collin D. Welch and Nicole M. Welch, 509 West Street, Madison.

• Gregory Allen Rupp and Susan Elizabeth Rupp to Kenton R. William and Sadie K. Williams, 2.07 acres at 162 Autumnwood Lane, Madison.

• Aaron Thorpe to Aaron Thorpe and Sara N. Thorpe, approximately 22.8 acres at 3675 East 320 North, Madison.

• Barry D. Barnes to Barry D. Barnes and Katherine Barnes, 168 South Ash Drive, Hanover.

• Debra A. Horton to Trace Christopher Strouse and Grace Olivia Strouse, 237 Smith Lane, Hanover.

• H&T Holding LLC to Aaron Perry and Yamileth Perry, 7816 West Kent State Road 256, Madison.

• Brian L. Marshall to Juan Miguel Alvarez, Juan Miguel Alvarez Perez, Magali Cruze Perez and Magali Cruz Perez, 1100 West Second Street, Madison ($130,000).

• Madison Properties LLC to Crystal Gene Cross and Clayton Lee Gross, approximately 14.7 acres at 1811 South Cabot Cove Lane, Lexington.

February 2, 2024

• Michael W. Delorenzo to Regan Fawley, 2025 Wells Drive, Madison.

• Steve L. Renfro to Christina L. Renfro, two tracts totaling approximately 7 acres at 2845 North 1550 West, Deputy.

• Luke Douglas Compton to Logan L. Williams, 68 Ohio Avenue, Hanover.

• John W. Gerhauser to Lee Dillon and Pamela A. Dillon, 341 Montclair Street, Madison.

• Lee Dillon and Pamela A. Dillon to Kyle Richard Stephan, 341 Montclair Street, Madison.

• Sharon A. Neal to Luke Douglas Compton, 1312 Monroe Drive, Madison.

• Richard Fox, Sandra Fox and Shelley E. Drake to The Magers Family Trust Number 1 and Magers Family Trust Number 1, 829 West Main Street, Madison.

• Robert W. Eversole and Fannie Mae Eversole (estate) to Midway Investments LC, 2059 West Wood Street, Madison.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:41 a.m.
Sunset: 6:09 p.m.
Temperature: High 58, Low 28, Mean 43.0, Excess 3.7
Precipitation since last published: 0
Precipitation, February 2024: 0
Precipitation, 2024: 6.40
Barometer: 29.81, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 430.48, Falling
Forecast: Wednesday: Partly cloudy High 56/Low 41; Thursday: Mostly cloudy High 58/Low 48; Friday: Showers High 61/Low 47.

OBITUARIES

William Jasper Barnes

William Jasper Barnes, age 66, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on October 28, 1957 in Madison, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late Jasper W. and Isabelle Lunsford Barnes. William died on Sunday, January 28, 2024, at his home in Madison, Indiana.

William will be missed by his aunt, Wauneta Deveary of Madison, IN; his caregiver, Joe Herring of Madison, IN and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Jasper W. Barnes, died November 13, 1995 and his mother, Isabelle Lunsford Barnes, died August 4, 2020.

Services were conducted Monday, February 5, 2024, by Chaplain Mike Bath at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel in Madison, Indiana. Interment followed in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Indiana.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion."

Memorial contributions can be made to the William Jasper Barnes Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Martin 'Mike' Michael Kuppler

Martin "Mike" Michael Kuppler, age 76, of Elizabethtown, Indiana entered this life on August 21, 1947 in Madison, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late Martin Luther and Gaynell Louise West Kuppler. Mike died on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 12:26 p.m. at the Our Hospice of South Central Indiana in Columbus, Indiana.

Mike will be missed by his loving wife of 55 years, Linda Fay Lichlyter Kuppler of Elizabethtown, IN; his daughters, Traci Aessa and her husband, Ali of New Carlisle, IN, Michelle Woolmann and her husband, Brad of Madison, WI, Julie Kemp and her husband, Nathan of Seymour, IN; his grandchildren, Maxwell Kemp and Madison Kemp; his sister, Judy Kuppler of Atlanta, GA; his brothers, Donald Kuppler and his wife, Doris of Madison, IN, Leroy Kuppler of Madison, IN; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Martin Luther Kuppler; his mother, Gaynell Louise West Kuppler; his sisters, Loraine Kuppler, Joanna Marie Zobel, Mary Frances Whitmer, and Charlotte Ann Colyer; his brothers, Marion Edward Kuppler, Vance Allen Kuppler, Larry West Kuppler, George Calvin Kuppler, and Dean William Kuppler.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Bro. Jimmy Cox at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Zoar Cemetery near Kent, Indiana.

Friends may visit Friday, February 9, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel in Hanover, Indiana.

Military honors will be provided by the Honor Guard of the American Legion Post No. 24 of Columbus, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post No. 24 Honor Guard. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Florence Marie (VanTyle) Peters

Florence Marie (VanTyle) Peters, age 90, of Vevay, Indiana, entered this life on November 26, 1933 in Rising Sun, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late Lawrence Earl and Mary Eliza (Sherman) VanTyle. Florence passed away at 4:45 p.m., Thursday, February 1, 2024, at the Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay, Indiana.

Florence is survived by her daughter, Bonnie Jo Peters of Vevay, IN; her son, Kerry Peters and his wife, Judy of Madison, IN; her grandchildren, Roberta Marie "Bobbie" Peters of Vevay, IN, Mandy Kay Holcroft (Scott) of Madison, IN and Lisa Marie Brawner (Rick Jackson) of Dillsboro, IN; her great-grandchildren, Andrew Holcroft of Orlando, FL, Allison Holcroft of Madison, IN, Lane Brawner of Dillsboro, IN and Josie Brawner of Dillsboro, IN; her step-great-grandchildren, Kyle, Kanen and Morgan Jackson; her sisters, Doris Ann Shadday of Madison, IN and Lois Brooks of Columbus, IN; her brother, Lawrence Leslie VanTyle and his wife, Shirley of Cleves, OH; her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Earl Bowling, Harriet Bovard and Mason Uhlmansiek and her several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence Earl and Mary Eliza (Sherman) VanTyle; her husband, Robert Earl Peters; her infant sister; her brother, Elmer Nelson VanTyle; her sisters, Lutha Mae Nieman and Mavis Carole Uhlmansiek; her nieces and nephews; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lewis and Alma Peters; her sister-in-law, Frances Pike White and her brothers-in-law, William D. Shadday, Richard Nieman, James Aldred, James "Jimmy" Brooks, Paul Vernon "Jack" Peters, Ralph "Red" Pike and Jessi White.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., Friday, February 9, 2024, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, Indiana 47043.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Friday, February 9, 2024, by Rev. Mike Jones, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, Indiana.

Interment will follow in the Vevay Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charity of the Donor's Choice. Cards are available at the funeral home or online at www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Judy Lynn Oller Jines

Judy Lynn Oller Jines, age 65, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on December 5, 1958 in Louisville, Kentucky. She was the loving daughter of the late John Thomas and Lily Belle Pate Oller. She was raised in Trimble County on the farm where her family moved when she was 10. She graduated in 1976 from Trimble County High School. On July 29, 1989 in Sevierville, Tennessee she was united in marriage to James Lynn Jines. She had worked in security at the Marble Hill Nuclear Plant Site early in life. She later worked for Ameriform and retired from Grote Industries. She was of the Christian faith and enjoyed raising flowers, feeding and watching the birds, and was an animal lover. She enjoyed watching crime shows. Judy died on Friday, February 2, 2024, at her home in Madison, Indiana.

Judy will be missed by her loving husband of 35 years, James Lynn Jines of Madison, IN; her step son, Kevin Jines and his wife, Amanda of Phoenix, AZ; her granddaughter, Arilynn Jines; her sisters in law, Linda Williams Oller of New Castle, KY and Teresa Jines of Hanover, IN; her brothers in law, Richard L. Jines and his wife, Amy of Madison, IN, Timothy G. Jines of Madison, IN, Jonathan Day of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, John Thomas Oller; her mother, Lily Belle Pate Oller; her brother, Thomas Wesley "Tommy" Oller, and his wife, Pat; her brother, David Wayne Oller, Sr.; her sister in law, Judith "Judy" Ann Jines Day; her father in law and mother in law, James E. "Jimmy" Jines, and Helen R. Hall Jines Tingle; her step father in law, Charles E. Tingle, and her nephew, Brandon Edward Jines.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Jonathan Day at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North U.S. 421 near Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Wednesday from 12 p.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Audubon Society or the ASPCA. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

James 'Jim' Lloyd Payne

James "Jim" Lloyd Payne, age 76, of North Vernon, Indiana entered this life on September 27, 1947 in Louisville, Kentucky. He was the loving son of the late Edward Gerald and Mary Fosteen Lanham Payne. James Lloyd died on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 10:38 a.m. at his home in North Vernon, Indiana with his loving wife and daughter at this side.

James Lloyd will be missed by his loving wife of 58 years, Charlene Ann Tolle Payne of North Vernon, IN; his loving daughter, Rebecca Ann Payne Jones and her husband, Shannon of Scipio, IN; his grandchildren, Megan, Samantha, Matthew, and Justin; his great grandchildren, Mayson, Madyson, Amelya, Rylan, Reese, Kashdyn, and Kohyn; his sisters, Mary Geraldine Everman and her husband, Paul of Rexville, IN, Cecilia Means and her husband, George of Lexington, IN, Kathy Campbell of Madison, IN, Beverly Effinger of Madison, IN; his brother, Richard Payne of Madison, IN; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Gerald Payne; his mother, Mary Fosteen Lanham Payne; his daughter, Yvonne Louise Payne Mitchner; his son in law, Kenneth Leon Mitchner.

In keeping with James Lloyd's wished private services were conducted Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., by Pastor Caleb Brewster at the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North US 421 in Madison, Indiana. Interment followed in the Grandview Memorial Gardens near Madison, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Brother David D. Byler, 79, of Bennington, IN, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024, at his son's residence in Bennington. Funeral services were Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Church of God Restoration in South, Greenville, OH, with interment in the Church of God Restoration Cemetery there. Arrangement by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN., www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Kenneth J. Gebhart, 71, of New Castle, KY, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024 at New Castle Health and Rehab Center in New Castle. There will be no services. Arrangements are announced by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, KY, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Glenn A. Richards, 79, of Rising Sun, IN, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, at the Boone Spring Skilled Nursing Facility in Union, KY. Arrangements are pending at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Paul K. Peddie

Paul K. Peddie, age 96 of Mentor, Ohio (previously of Brookfield, WI, and Bettendorf, IA) passed away peacefully at his home on Jan 28, 2024. He was born on Oct 1, 1927, in Madison, IN. the oldest son of Paul J. and Anna Laura Buchanan Peddie.

Paul was a 1945 graduate of Madison High School and attended Hanover College where he affiliated with Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Paul later graduated from Youngstown University.

Paul was an active member of First Church Congregational in Painesville. He was also an ordained deacon and elder in the Presbyterian Church, serving in Ohio, Iowa and Wisconsin.

He was a proud member for 68 years of Niles McKinley #794 Masonic Lodge in Niles, Ohio. He was a life member of the Madison, IN Lodge of Elks, a York Rite Mason, Scottish Mason, Al Koran Shriner, past president of the Eagle Shrine Club and served as Chaplin for many years. He and his fellow Shriners covered many miles transporting children to the Shriners hospitals in Erie, PA and Cincinnati, OH.

Paul retired from Moore Business Forms, Inc after 30 years, where he served as a District Manager in Youngstown, Ohio, Davenport, IA and Milwaukee, WI.

He served his country with the 98the A.G.F Band in the Army of Occupation in Frankfurt, Germany.

Paul is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 68 years, Bonnie Griffiths Peddie; sisters, Jean, Lenora, Suzanna, Mary Jo, Kathleen; and brothers, Bobby, Jon & Dick.

Paul is survived by his daughter, Carol Peddie; son Jon K. Peddie; grandchildren Brooke & Jackie Peddie; brothers, David & Pete Peddie; and niece Mary Caroline Peddie Miller.

Memorial services will not be held at this time.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Hanover College, Sanctuary Hospice (Journey Health Foundation) or Shriners Children's Hospitals. Online condolences at www.johnsonfuneralservices.net.

Bruce J. Beatty

Bruce J. Beatty, age 77, of Madison, Indiana, and the son of the late Wayne and Sylvia (Agnes) Beatty, was born on August 27, 1946, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Beatty passed away on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at The Waters of Clifty Falls in Madison.

His life will be cherished by his close friend, Yolonda "Jo" Simmons of Madison; Shirley Baker and the staff of Sentry Services; and the staff and his many friends at the Waters of Clifty Falls and DSI. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday February 5, 2024 at Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel in Madison. Interment took place in Oak Hill Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Activities Department at the Waters of Clifty Falls, Madison. Contributions may be made at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home or at www.lytlewelty.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FILMS

at the Ohio Theatre, 105 East Main Street, Madison

There has been a change in the film lineup at the Ohio Theatre for Black History Month. "The Color Purple" is no longer scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 15. In its place will be shown "Loving," a 2016 biographical drama which tells the story of Richard and Mildred Loving, plaintiffs in the 1967 U.S. Supreme Court decision Loving v. Virginia, which invalidated state laws prohibiting interracial marriage.

"Loving" is the final of three films to be screened in February as part of Black History Month. Other special free films at the Ohio Theatre during Black History Month included: "Selma" on Thursday, Feb. 1 and "Imitation of Life" on Thursday, Feb. 8 Movies are at 6 p.m. and admission is free.

EVENTS

Environmental Discussion

Ecologist Doug Tallamy
Hanover College Fitzgibbon Recital Hall
Friday, Feb. 16 — 7 p.m.

Acclaimed ecologist, educator and author Doug Tallamy will discuss the interaction between life-sustaining native plants, insects, birds and other wildlife in our local environments during a special presentation in Fitzgibbon Recital Hall at the Lynn Center for Fine Arts. Tallamy has taught insect-related courses for 42 years as a faculty member in Delaware's Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology. His research strives to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities. The lecture is open to the public and free.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Salvation Army Food Bank

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Noon to 1 p.m.
331 East Main St., Madison

A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags. For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry

100 East Second St., Madison
Tuesdays — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Fridays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

BEETLE BAILEY

CAN YOU LET THE WAIST OUT?
GREG + MORT WALKER
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THERE ISN'T ENOUGH FABRIC FOR YOUR WAIST
IT'S FOR MY DOG
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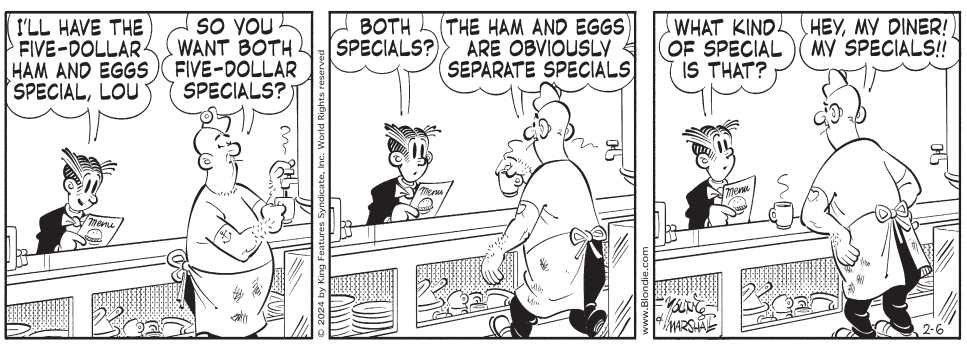
I'LL HAVE THE FIVE-DOLLAR HAM AND EGGS SPECIAL, LOU
SO YOU WANT BOTH FIVE-DOLLAR SPECIALS?
BOTH SPECIALS?
THE HAM AND EGGS ARE OBVIOUSLY SEPARATE SPECIALS
WHAT KIND OF SPECIAL IS THAT?
HEY, MY DINER! MY SPECIALS!!
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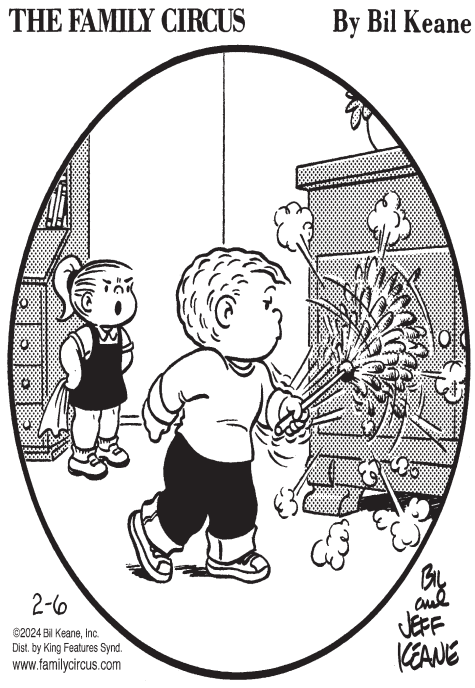
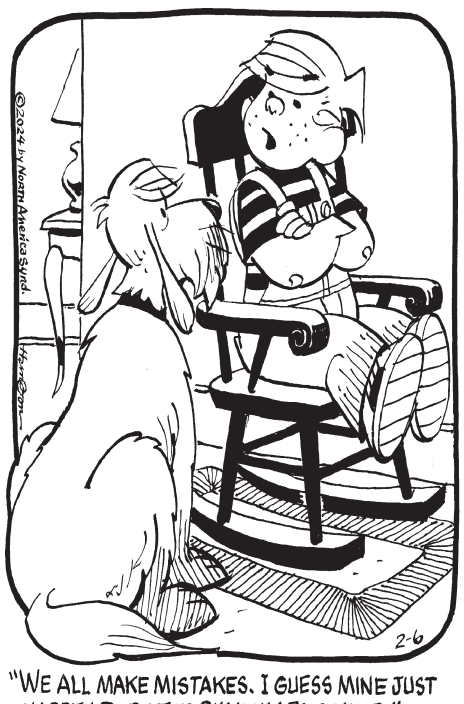


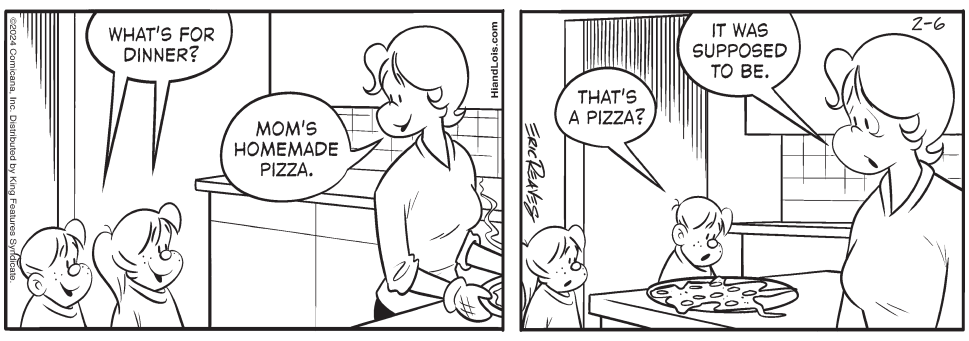
"Jeffy! You're letting all the germs get away!"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES. I GUESS MINE JUST HAPPEN TO BE THE *PUNISHABLE* KIND."

HI & LOIS



BABY BLUES

I THINK I'LL HAVE MY DESSERT FIRST.
WRONG.
BUT WHAT IF I FILL UP ON HEALTHY STUFF AND DON'T HAVE ROOM FOR DESSERT??
THAT'S THE STUFF DISASTER FILMS ARE MADE OF.
SEE?? DAD GETS IT!
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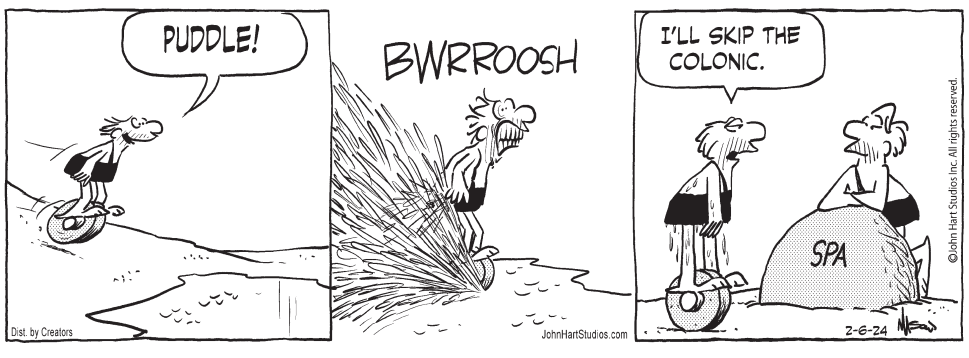

CURTIS

WHAT'S IT LIKE HAVING GRAY HAIR?
IT'S A *SECRET*, BUT IT GIVES ME THE ABILITY TO SEE TEN SECONDS INTO THE FUTURE
AND *YES*, REALLY!
I KNEW YOU WOULD ASK
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I'D LIKE TO SEE THE COMMENTS AFTER HE POSTS THAT TIDBIT.
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WIZARD OF ID

I NEED A POTION TO MAKE SURE I ALWAYS HIT THE BULL'S-EYE
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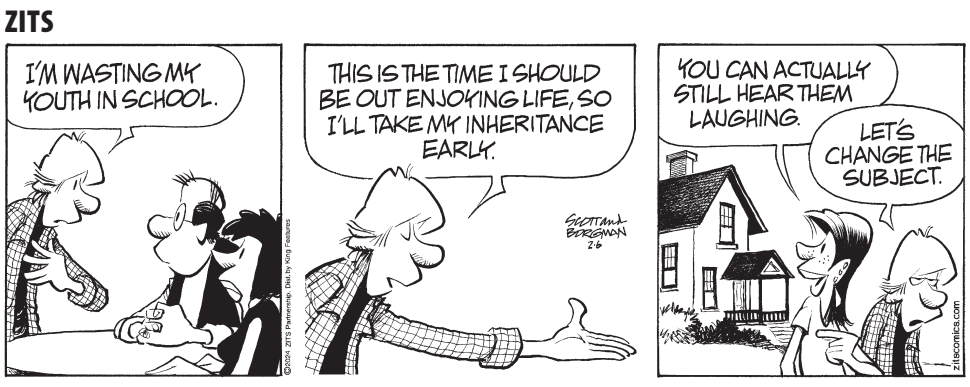
I'M WASTING MY YOUTH IN SCHOOL.
THIS IS THE TIME I SHOULD BE OUT ENJOYING LIFE, SO I'LL TAKE MY INHERITANCE EARLY.
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YOU CAN ACTUALLY STILL HEAR THEM LAUGHING.
LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT.
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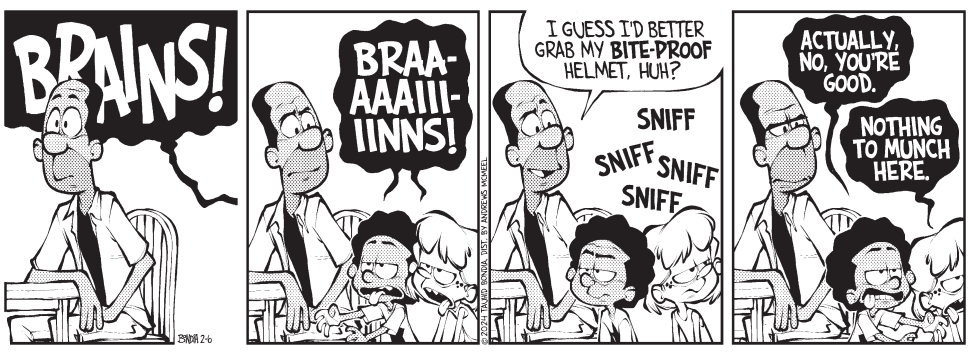

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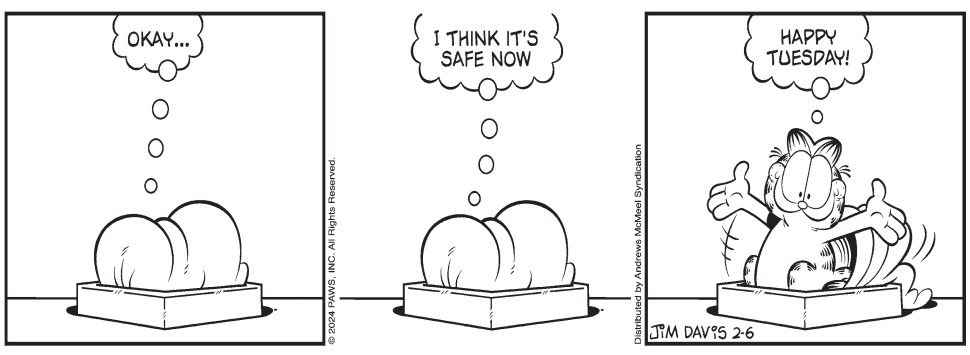

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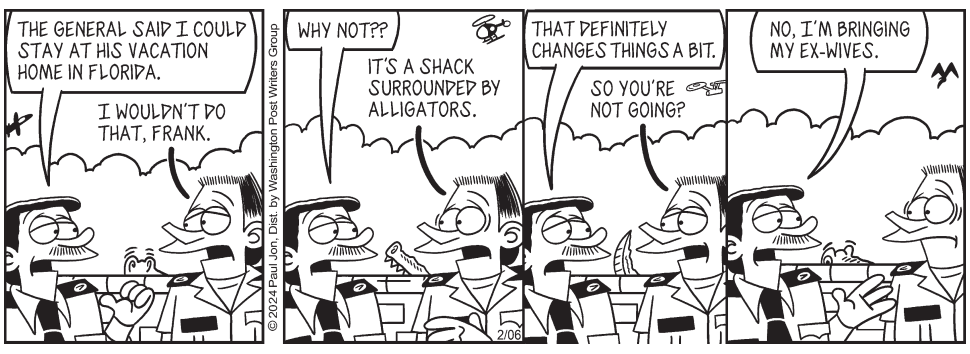
THE GENERAL SAID I COULD STAY AT HIS VACATION HOME IN FLORIDA.
I WOULDN'T DO THAT, FRANK.
WHY NOT??
IT'S A SHACK SURROUNDED BY ALLIGATORS.
THAT DEFINITELY CHANGES THINGS A BIT.
SO YOU'RE NOT GOING?
NO, I'M BRINGING MY EX-WIVES.
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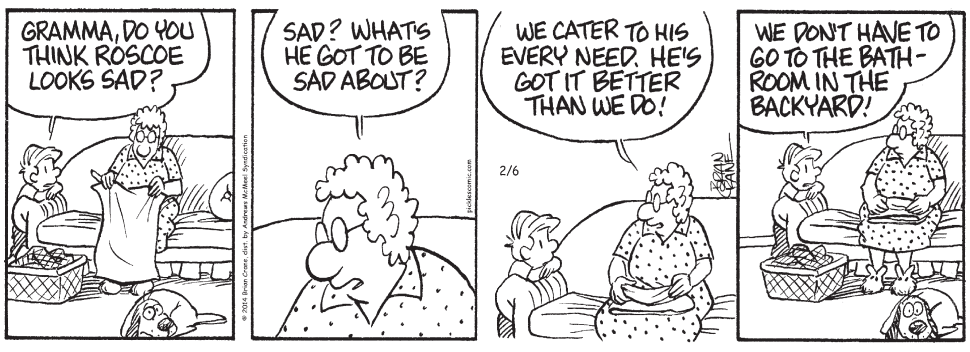
PICKLES


GRAMMA, DO YOU THINK ROSCOE LOOKS SAD?
SAD? WHAT'S HE GOT TO BE SAD ABOUT?
WE CATER TO HIS EVERY NEED. HE'S GOT IT BETTER THAN WE DO!
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WE DON'T HAVE TO GO TO THE BATHROOM IN THE BACKYARD!
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 6, 1952, Britain's King George VI, 56, died at Sandringham House in Norfolk, England; he was succeeded as monarch by his 25-year-old elder daughter, who became Queen Elizabeth II.

On this date:

In 1778, during the American Revolutionary War, the United States won official recognition and military support from France with the signing of a Treaty of Alliance in Paris.

In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1815, the state of New Jersey issued the first American railroad charter to John Stevens, who proposed a rail link between Trenton and New Brunswick. (The line, however, was never built.)

In 1862, during the Civil War, Fort Henry in Tennessee fell to Union forces.

In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

In 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Illinois.

In 1922, Cardinal Archille Ratti was elected pope; he took the name Pius XI.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, was proclaimed in effect by Secretary of State Henry Stimson.

In 1993, tennis Hall of Famer and human rights advocate Arthur Ashe died in New York at age 49.

In 1998, Carl Wilson, a founding member of The Beach Boys, died in Los Angeles at age 51.

In 2000, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton launched her successful candidacy for the U.S. Senate.

In 2008, the Bush White House defended the use of the interrogation technique known as waterboarding, saying it was legal, not torture, and had saved American lives.

In 2013, toy maker Hasbro Inc. announced that Monopoly fans had voted online to add a cat token to the board game, replacing the iron.

In 2018, casino mogul Steve Wynn resigned as chairman and CEO of Wynn Resorts amid sexual misconduct allegations.

In 2021, George P. Shultz, who was President Ronald Reagan's secretary of state as part of a long career in public service, died at his California home; he was 100.

In 2022, Queen Elizabeth II celebrated the 70th anniversary of her ascendance to the British throne, an unprecedented reign that made her a symbol of stability in the United Kingdom.

In 2023, a powerful 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Turkey and Syria, toppling thousands of buildings and trapping residents under mounds of rubble; the death toll would eventually be more than 50,000.

Today's birthdays: Actor Mamie Van Doren is 93. Actor Mike Farrell is 85. Former NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw is 84. Singer Fabian is 81. Actor Michael Tucker is 79. Producer-director-writer Jim Sheridan is 75. Actor Jon Walmsley is 68. Actor Kathy Najimy is 67. Rock musician Simon Phillips (Toto) is 67. Actor-director Robert Townsend is 67. Actor Barry Miller is 66. Actor Megan Gallagher is 64. Rock singer Axl Rose (Guns N' Roses) is 62. Country singer Richie McDonald is 62. Singer Rick Astley is 58. Rock musician Tim Brown (Boo Radleys) is 55. Former ABC News anchor Amy Robach is 51. Actor Josh Stewart is 47. Actor Ben Lawson is 44. Actor Brandon Hammond is 40. Actor Crystal Reed (TV: "Teen Wolf") is 39. Actor Alice Greczyn is 38. Actor Anna Diop is 36. R&B singer/actor Tinashe is 31.

BEETLE BAILEY

YOU LADIES DON'T EAT IN THE MESS HALL VERY OFTEN
COOKIE MADE US SOMETHING SPECIAL
THEY MADE A RESERVATION
GREG + MORT WALKER
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BLONDIE

HONEY, YOU SAID YOU'RE FINE, BUT ARE YOU REALLY FINE?
WHY WOULD I SAY I'M FINE IF I'M NOT FINE?
THE TONE OF YOUR VOICE IS SAYING NOT FINE!
I SAID I'M FINE, I MEANT I'M FINE, SO I MUST BE FINE, RIGHT?
OH WELL, IF SHE SAYS FINE, I CAN ZZZZZZ
IF HE KNOWS WHAT'S GOOD FOR HIM, HE'LL REALIZE I'M NOT FINE!
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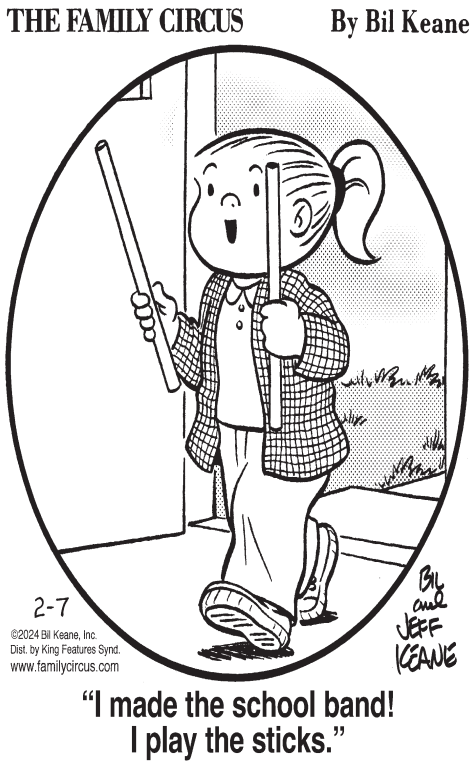

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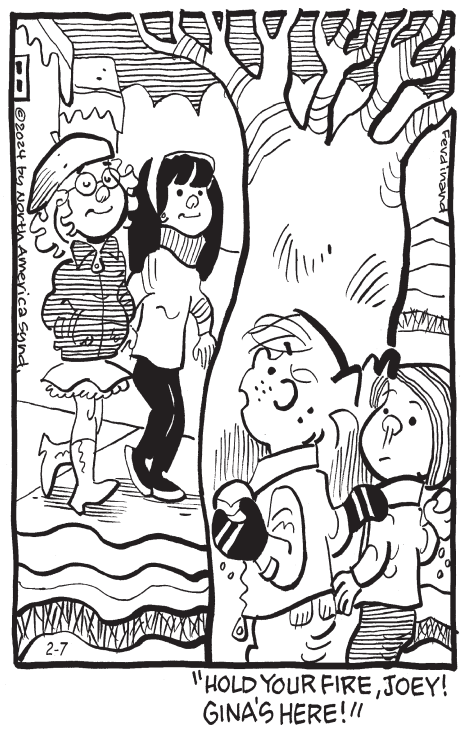

HI & LOIS

I THINK TRIXIE IS TEETHING.
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
ERIC REARDON
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I HAD TO TAKE DAWG'S CHEW TOY AWAY FROM HER.
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BABY BLUES

DAD, WILL YOU SIGN MY PETITION?
PETITION FOR WHAT?
IT DOESN'T MATTER. JUST SIGN.
I NEED TO KNOW WHAT I'M AGREEING TO BEFORE I SIGN!
DAD HAS TRUST ISSUES.
AND WEIRD-LOOKING TOENAILS. HAVE YOU NOTICED?
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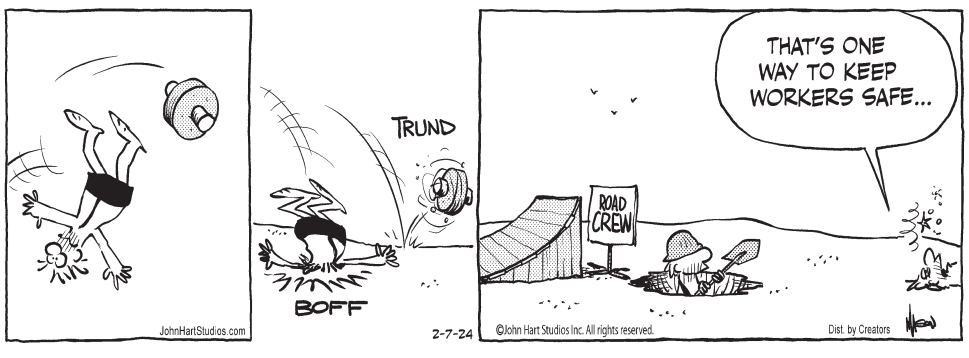

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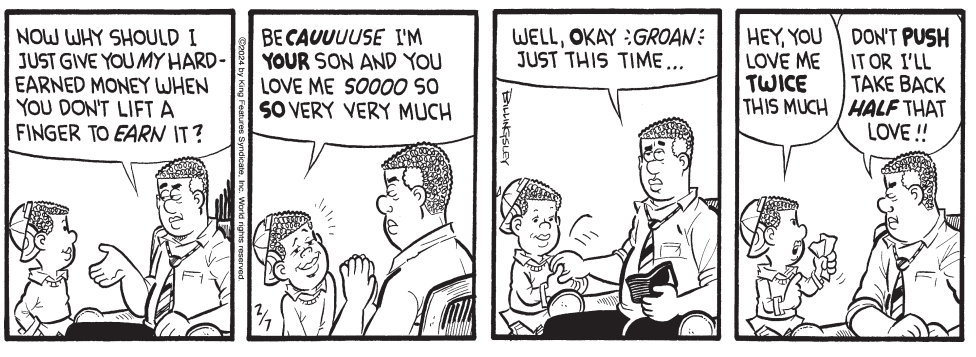
NOW WHY SHOULD I JUST GIVE YOU MY HARD-EARNED MONEY WHEN YOU DON'T LIFT A FINGER TO EARN IT?
BE CAUUUUSE I'M YOUR SON AND YOU LOVE ME SOOOO SO SO VERY VERY MUCH
WELL, OKAY :GROAN: JUST THIS TIME...
HEY, YOU LOVE ME TWICE THIS MUCH
DON'T PUSH IT OR I'LL TAKE BACK HALF THAT LOVE !!
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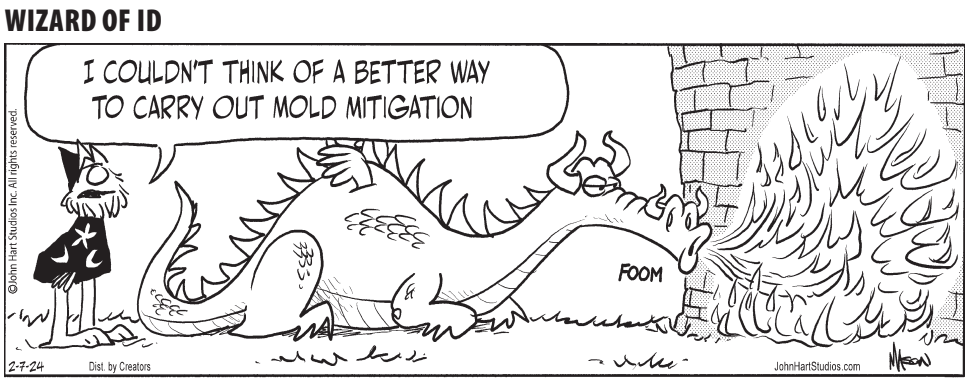
I COULDN'T THINK OF A BETTER WAY TO CARRY OUT MOLD MITIGATION
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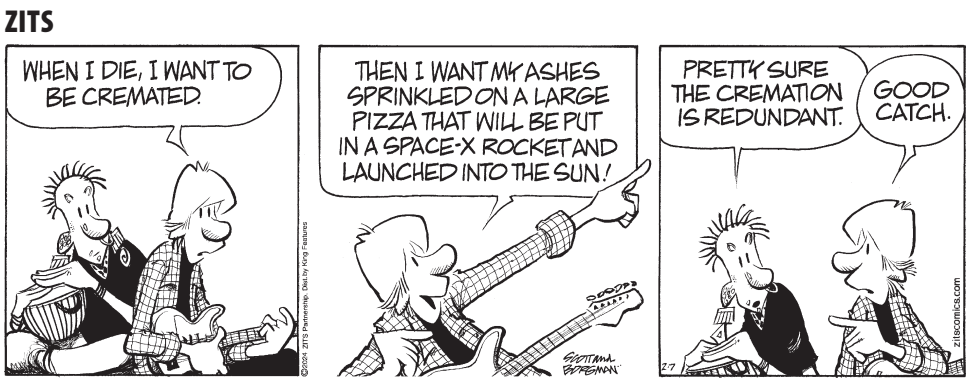
WHEN I DIE, I WANT TO BE CREMATED.
THEN I WANT MY ASHES SPRINKLED ON A LARGE PIZZA THAT WILL BE PUT IN A SPACE-X ROCKET AND LAUNCHED INTO THE SUN!
PRETTY SURE THE CREMATION IS REDUNDANT.
GOOD CATCH.
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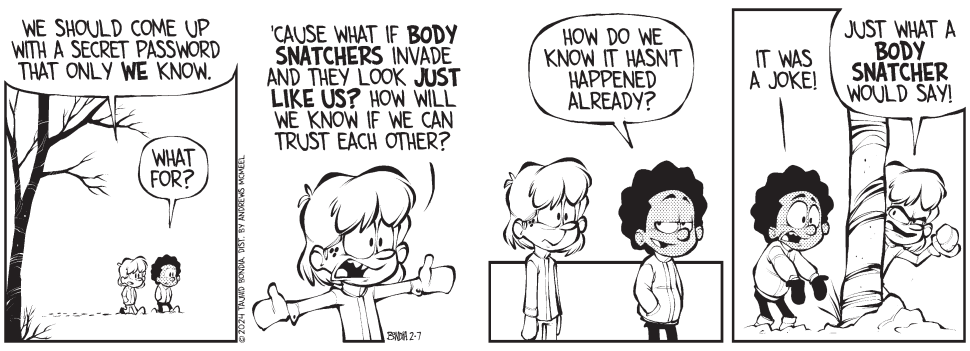
WE SHOULD COME UP WITH A SECRET PASSWORD THAT ONLY WE KNOW.
WHAT FOR?
'CAUSE WHAT IF BODY SNATCHERS INVADE AND THEY LOOK JUST LIKE US? HOW WILL WE KNOW IF WE CAN TRUST EACH OTHER?
HOW DO WE KNOW IT HASN'T HAPPENED ALREADY?
IT WAS A JOKE!
JUST WHAT A BODY SNATCHER WOULD SAY!
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GARFIELD

OKAY, I ADMIT IT
I MAY BE A TEENY-TINY, ITTY-BITTY BIT GRUMPY IN THE MORNING
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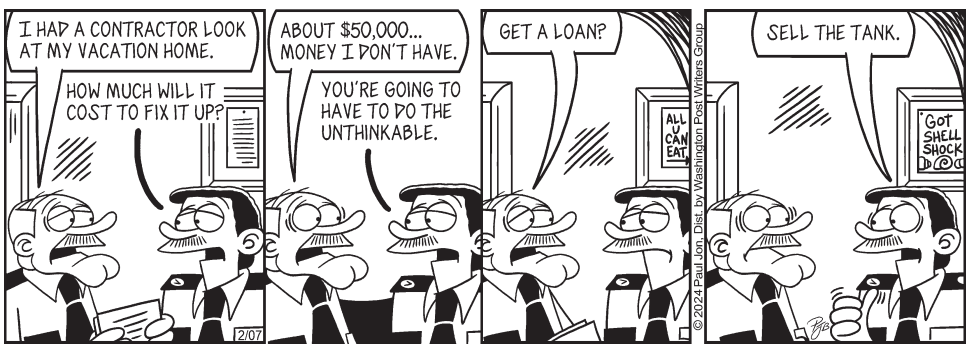
I HAD A CONTRACTOR LOOK AT MY VACATION HOME.
HOW MUCH WILL IT COST TO FIX IT UP?
ABOUT $50,000... MONEY I DON'T HAVE.
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO THE UNTHINKABLE.
GET A LOAN?
ALL U CAN EAT
SELL THE TANK.
GOT SHELL SHOCK
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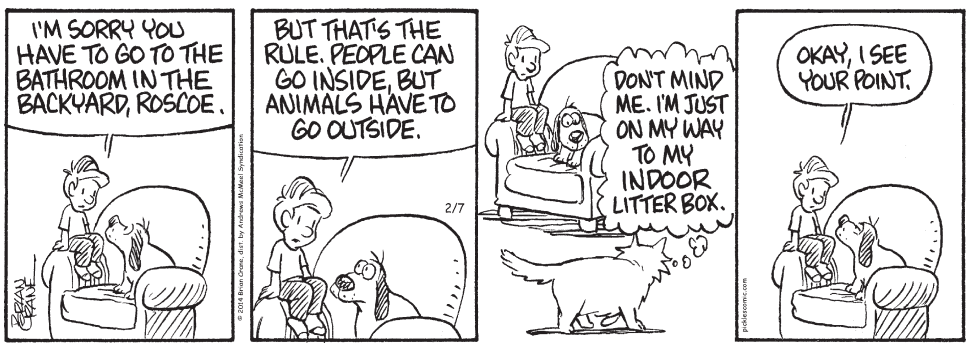
I'M SORRY YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE BATHROOM IN THE BACKYARD, ROSCOE.
BUT THAT'S THE RULE. PEOPLE CAN GO INSIDE, BUT ANIMALS HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE.
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DON'T MIND ME. I'M JUST ON MY WAY TO MY INDOOR LITTER BOX.
OKAY, I SEE YOUR POINT.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 7, 1962, President John F. Kennedy imposed a full trade embargo on Cuba.

On this date:

In 1857, a French court acquitted author Gustave Flaubert of obscenity for his serialized novel "Madame Bovary."

In 1943, the government abruptly announced that wartime rationing of shoes made of leather would go into effect in two days, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person per year. (Rationing was lifted in October 1945.)

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as U.S. Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1964, the Beatles arrived to screaming fans at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport to begin their first American tour.

In 1971, women in Switzerland gained the right to vote through a national referendum, 12 years after a previous attempt failed.

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered spacewalk, which lasted nearly six hours.

In 1985, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena was kidnapped in Guadalajara, Mexico, by drug traffickers who tortured and murdered him.

In 1991, Jean-Bertrand Aristide was inaugurated as the first democratically elected president of Haiti (he was overthrown by the military the following September).

In 1999, Jordan's King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Abdullah.

In 2009, a miles-wide section of ice in Lake Erie broke away from the Ohio shoreline, trapping about 135 fishermen, some for as long as four hours before they could be rescued (one man fell into the water and later died of an apparent heart attack).

In 2014, the Sochi Olympics opened with a celebration of Russia's past greatness and hopes for future glory.

In 2018, biotech billionaire Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong struck a $500 million deal to buy the Los Angeles Times, the San Diego Union-Tribune and other publications.

In 2020, two days after his acquittal in his first Senate impeachment trial, President Donald Trump took retribution against two officials who had delivered damaging testimony; he ousted Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, a national security aide, and Gordon Sondland, his ambassador to the European Union.

In 2021, after moving south to a new team and conference, Tom Brady led the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to a 31-9 Super Bowl victory over the Kansas City Chiefs on the Buccaneers' home field.

Today's birthdays:

Author Gay Talese is 92. Sen. John Hickenlooper, D-Colo., is 72. Comedy writer Robert Smigel is 64. Actor James Spader is 64. Country singer Garth Brooks is 62. Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 62. Actor-comedian Eddie Izzard is 62. Actor-comedian Chris Rock is 59. Actor Jason Gedrick is 57. Actor Essence Atkins is 51. Rock singer-musician Wes Borland is 49. Rock musician Tom Blankenship (My Morning Jacket) is 46. Actor Ashton Kutcher is 46. Actor Tina Majorino is 39. Actor Deborah Ann Woll is 39. Former NBA player Isaiah Thomas is 35. NHL center Steven Stamkos is 34.

Filing deadline for May primary is Friday at noon

BY BOB DEMAREE

The filing deadline for the May 7 primary election is Friday at noon and there remains several county offices that have no candidates.

For Jefferson County Republicans, there remains an open position for County Council-at-Large of which three candidates are elected. For Jefferson County Democrats, there so far are no candidates for Circuit Court Judge, County Treasurer, County Surveyor, County Commissioner Lower District, County Commissioner Middle District, County Coroner, and for all three County Council-at-Large seats.

There are two county races so far for Jefferson County Republican primary — incumbent Robert "Bobby" Little and challenger Rick Berry for Commissioner Middle District, and Amy Storm Stephens and Heather White for County Recorder.

The only county race filing so far for Democrats is Sarah Cooper Adams for County Recorder.

Republican county filings include incumbent Donald J. Mote for Circuit Court Judge, incumbent David Bramer for Commissioner Middle District, incumbent Megan Hoskins for County Treasurer, Joshua Webb for County Coroner, and incumbents Gary Copeland and Pam Crozier, County Council-at-Large.

There have been seven Republicans file so far to be delegates at the Indiana Republican State Convention and one Democrat file for the Indiana Democratic State Convention. Republicans are David Carlow, Bob Courtney, Andrew Forrester, Laura Hodges, Linda Pittman, Mike Pittman and Rick Reuss. The Democrat candidate for delegate is Marilyn Hutchinson.

There was one new filing Thursday for Republican precinct committeeman — David Smith for Madison Township 1. Previous filings for Republican precinct committeeman are Forrester for Precinct 2-2 and Carlow for Third ward.

While candidates filing for Jefferson County offices do so in the County Clerk's office in the Jefferson County Courthouse, those filling for state and federal offices must file in the Secretary of State's office in Indianapolis.

"It's been great welcoming candidates into the Secretary of State's Office as they officially file their candidacy. In the final week of filing, it's important to make candidates aware of the approaching deadline. The 2024 Election season is starting off strong as we are anticipating a massive turnout," said Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales in a press release by his office.

On Thursday, both Democrat incumbent Joe Biden and Republican former President Donald Trump filed their candidacies for President of the United States, and as of Friday they were the only candidates for that office in Indiana.

Candidates filing for Ninth District Congress are incumbent Erin Houchin and Hugh Doty, both Republicans, and Tim Peck and Liam Dorris, both Democrats.

Republican Jim Banks has filed for United States Senator along with Democrat Valerie McCray.

There have been four Republican candidates file for Indiana Governor — Mike Braun, Suzanne Crouch, Eric Doden and Curtis Hill. No Democrats have filed for Governor.

Republican incumbent Alex Zimmerman so far is the only candidate filed for State Representative District 67 that includes Graham, Lancaster, Madison, Monroe, Republican, Shelby and Smyrna townships in Jefferson County.

Republican Garrett Bascom is the only candidate filed for State Representative District 68 that includes Milton Township in Jefferson County.

In State Representative District 66, Republican incumbent Zach Payne will be facing Republican James E. Baker in the primary. Democrat Rick Cannon has also filed for the office which includes Hanover and Saluda townships in Jefferson County.

Courtney out-spent Dattilo 9 to 1 in winning Mayor's race

BY BOB DEMAREE

Mayor Bob Courtney's win in the 2023 municipal election came as he outspent challenger Dan Dattilo by a margin of more than 9 to 1, according to campaign finance reports candidates are required to submit.

Campaign finance reports showed Courtney, a Republican, spending $94,063.63 on the Mayor's race while Dattilo, a Democrat, spent $10,143.43.

Courtney, who has now begun his second term as Mayor, had $101,885.31 cash on hand and investments at the beginning of 2023 with contributions and receipts totaling $34,391.78 during the year increasing that to $136,277.09.

During the final reporting period of the year between Oct. 14 and Dec. 31, the Mayor's contributions were $2,300.

Expenditures for the whole year of the campaign totaled $94,063.63 with expenditures $52,583.09 spent during the final reporting period. Cash on hand at the close of the reporting period was $42,213.46.

Dattilo, a Democrat who served two terms on City Council, totaled $10,143.43 in contributions and receipts during the campaign year, and had the same amount in expenditures, resulting in no cash on hand at the end of the reporting period.

In the race for Clerk-Treasurer, incumbent Republican Katie Rampy defeated challenger Democrat Sue Patterson. The Friends of Katie Rampy committee began the reporting period with $445.13, spending $206 on the campaign, finishing with $239.13 to close the reporting period. Meanwhile, Sue Patterson for Clerk-Treasurer reported $2,308.68 in contributions and receipts, the same amount that was reported in expenditures.

Jefferson County Republican Central Committee spent $1,799 in the last finance period, leaving $549 cash on hand after starting with $2,345. Jefferson County Republican Women had $9,175.61 in contributions and receipts during the year, spending $6,752.48 on the municipal election, leaving $2,423.13 cash on hand. Meanwhile, Jefferson County Democratic Party had $15,558.08 in contributions and receipts during the year, spending $12,883.91, leaving $2,674.17 cash on hand.

For City Council, Republicans won every race. There were five candidates who reported no contributions/receipts and also no expenditures — Republican Carla Krebs in District 2, Republican Lucy Dattilo and Democrat Mary Ann Eaglin in District 3, Republican Joshua Schafer in District 4, and Democrat Jennifer Scott and Republican Josh Wilber for Council-at-Large.

Democrat Alexis Derek Hughes, who lost to Republican Patrick Thevenow in District 1, reported $17.89 in cash on hand in the last reporting period but did not spend any of that, finishing up with that amount.

Thevenow was the only Republican to have a challenger in the primary in which he defeated Lisa Ferguson. For the year, he had $5,821.26 in contributions and receipts while spending $5,601.65, ending up with $219.61 cash at the end of the reporting period. In the final reporting period between Oct. 14 and Dec. 31, Thevenow had $1,593.47 in contributions and receipts with $1,373.86 in expenditures.

Democrat Pete Backus, who ran for Council-at-Large, had $1,525 in contributions and receipts, the same amount as the expenditures on his campaign. Republican Jim Bartlett, also on the ballot for Council-at-Large, had $1,000 in contributions and receipts, the same amount of the expenditures.

Democrat Christian Bowyer spent $700 on his City Council District 2 campaign, the same as his contributions and receipts.

In Council District 5, Republican Joel Storm had $300 in contributions and receipts, the same amount of the expenditures. Democrat Edward Stigall Jr. had $1,771.24 in contributions and receipts, also the same amount of the expenditures.

Photos by Bob Demaree

Above left: Workers for pool builder RL Turner Corporation were busy finishing a section of concrete at the new Crystal Beach Aquatic Park in downtown Madison. The water park, which will replace the city's iconic and historic pool built in 1938, is scheduled for completion by May 2024 just in time for the summer swim season. **Above right:** Workers at the Crystal Beach Aquatic Park side in downtown Madison were busy building sidewalks and entrances to the site on Broadway Street Monday morning. After a brief setback during sub-freezing weather, the project is back underway and on schedule for its May 2024 completion just in time for the summer swim season.

Aquatic Center

The new Crystal Beach Aquatic Center is starting to take shape as workers from RL Turner Corporation finish more and more concrete to reveal the various areas of the new pool.

Photos by Bob Demaree

Water features and fountains are starting to be installed as the new splash pad takes shape at the Crystal Beach Aquatic Park in downtown Madison. Splash pads, popular with younger children who are not yet accomplished swimmers, is just one of the many features incorporated into the $7.5 million project. Diving boards, and slides, a lazy river, lap lanes and areas for water exercise and aerobics are also included.

Bill Torline

Andrew Sims

Madison Chemical promotes 4

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison Chemical has announced the appointment of four key officers to its leadership team effective Jan. 1.

Larissa Perry

Joe Todd

Bill Torline was promoted to executive vice president; Andrew Sims was promoted to vice president of sales; Larissa Perry was promoted to vice president of human resources; and Joe Todd was promoted to vice president of operations.

Madison Chemical was founded in 1947 by David R. "Beano" Goodman, and the company has grown from a one-car garage to one of the leaders in the North American sanitation chemical industry. The company has occupied its current site on Clifty Drive since 1959.

Caution urged after skunk rabies case reported in Clark County

BY SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

A case of skunk rabies has been detected in Clark County for the first time in Indiana since 2004.

The Indiana Department of Health urges residents to vaccinate their pets against rabies and keep a safe distance from wildlife.

"This may signal increased risk for people and animals in the region," said Indiana State Public Health Veterinarian Dr. Jen Brown. "This is a wake-up call for all Hoosiers to ensure that their pets are vaccinated against this deadly disease."

Hoosiers can reduce the risk of rabies in people and animals by doing the following:

- Vaccinate dogs, cats and ferrets for rabies.
- Keep cats and ferrets indoors and dogs under direct supervision.
- Leave stray animals and wildlife alone.
- Spay or neuter your pets to help reduce the number of unwanted or stray animals in the community.
- Contact animal control or law enforcement to remove stray animals from your neighborhood.

The Indiana Department of Health is working with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Indiana State Board of Animal Health to determine the extent that the virus is circulating in the Clark County area. Hoosiers can help by reporting sick or dead skunks to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish & Wildlife Health Program at on.IN.gov/sickwildlife.

Visit the IDOH website for more information about rabies and other important health and safety information at www.health.in.gov or follow IDOH on X at @StateHealthIN or Facebook at www.facebook.com/StateHealthIN.

Handout

Madison Junior High School's state championship Science Bowl team includes (from left) Lorelei Comer, Konner Helton, Cy Frazier, Maci Clark, Lilian Hay, Harmon Gray, Chris Rowlett and coach/teacher Marsha Uhl.

MJHS Science Bowl team wins state

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison Junior High School's Fifth Grade Science Team won the Science Bowl State Championship sponsored by the Indiana Association of School Principals Department of Student Programs.

Coached by MJHS teacher Marsha Uhl, the MJHS Team 1 placed first in the Blue Class with a team score of 106, edging out Hamilton Southeastern and Fall Creek, both of Fishers, Indiana, to win the state championship with 22 teams overall competing in the class. Science Bowl team members include Lorelei Comer, Konner Helton, Cy Frazier, Maci Clark, Lilian Hay, Harmon Gray and Chris Rowlett.

"I am so proud of these kids," said Uhl. "They worked hard, but also had fun. I encourage all students to give our academic teams a try. You can learn new things, make new friends, and be a part of something great."

MJHS principal Jordan Warner said, "We are so proud of our MJHS Science Bowl team and their amazing performance at the recent state competition. This honor is a testament to the great students, staff, and programs we offer at Madison Junior High. We are very excited about this accomplishment and can't wait to celebrate this victory with all of Madison Junior High."

The event hosts Science Bowl for elementary-age students in grades 4, 5, and 6. A partnership with Purdue University, the online competition takes place over a few evenings as students are tested on questions around curriculum standards of Life Science. The online platform allows students to compete from their school or another location of choice with internet access.

Each year teams must register by the end of October and can begin practice in mid-November when the information to be tested on is posted. "We actually didn't start this year until the week before Christmas," said Uhl. "We practiced two times a week up until the competition. During that time, we conducted an experiment on the effect of salt water on the germination of radish seeds. We grew them in the classroom and documented the results. We also spent a lot of time working on vocabulary and answering practice questions."

There are no tryouts for the Science Bowl team and all participants get to compete in at least two parts of the competition.

"The competition has three parts," she said. "There is an individual round where up to four team members compete independently. Right before they start the test, they are given an article to read and make notes on. It is always an extension of the topic covered that year. The average of the scores counts towards the total score. We took that portion on Wednesday. On Thursday, we competed in the other two parts. These were the team competition and the experiment section. All team members compete in these two competitions."

The competition is proctored by the coach. No cell phones are allowed, students can use notes on the experiment section only, but they are allowed to use calculators to determine things like the mean of a group of numbers.

In other results, Rykers' Ridge Elementary, Deputy Elementary and Lydia Elementary schools fourth grade teams competed in the Yellow class and all had top 10 state finishes with Rykers' Ridge placing sixth, Deputy ninth and Lydia Middleton 10th. Anderson Elementary also competed and finished 13th.

Free FAFSA filing help at Ivy Tech on Feb. 25

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Financial aid professionals will volunteer their help later this month at Ivy Tech Madison to help Hoosier students and families successfully complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The FAFSA application is the required form for federal financial aid and state grant funding, including the 21st Century Scholarship and Frank O'Bannon Grant.

Volunteers will be on campus from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 590 Ivy Tech Drive, Madison, to provide free assistance to all.

The initiative is part of College Goal Sunday, a statewide effort of the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (ISFAA) to increase the number of high school seniors, adult learners and returning students who complete the FAFSA by April 15, 2024 — Indiana's priority filing deadline.

Filing the FAFSA is the first step Indiana students and families can take to make education and skills training beyond high school more affordable. Indiana high school graduates left $76 million in Pell Grant funds on the table in 2023 by not completing the FAFSA, according to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. The College Goal Sunday event at Ivy Tech Madison aims to help community members take full advantage of the federal and state funding available to them.

"We want students to capitalize on every opportunity that puts high-quality, affordable education and skills training within their reach," said Dr. Amanda Harsin, Chancellor at Ivy Tech Madison. "Ivy Tech is proud to participate in College Goal Sunday to help students and families access federal and state funding that can open the floodgates of opportunity."

Students and parents should bring the following to College Goal Sunday:

- FSA ID: It is strongly recommended that every student and parent apply for a FSA ID at studentaid.gov. The FSA ID serves as your electronic signature on the FAFSA and allows for tax information to be automatically entered.
- Personal Documents: Students and parents should know and be prepared to securely share their Social Security number, driver's license number, alien registration number or permanent residence card.
- Tax documents and proof of income: Students and parents should bring a 2022 Federal Income Tax Return if they were required to file, 2022 W-2 forms, or other records of money earned or received.
- Documentation of Assets: Students and parents should bring documentation detailing their financial assets, including: Bank statements (cash, savings, and checking); Child support received in the past calendar year; Current value of investment accounts (non-retirement) and real estate (excluding the home you live in); and Current net worth of any ownership in a business or farm.

Volunteers will walk through the online form line-by-line and answer questions as needed. All sites offer FAFSA online capabilities, and many have Spanish interpreters. Students who attend the event and fill out the appropriate form will be eligible to win one of five $1,000 educational prizes from Indiana College Goal Sunday, which is funded by the Lilly Endowment and InvestEd. For more information, visit www.collegegoalsunday.org.

Norton KDH conducting needs assessment survey

BY COURIER STAFF

Norton King's Daughters' Health is conducting a 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment survey to help identify the highest priority health issues within local communities.

Residents of Jefferson and Switzerland counties in Indiana, and Trimble County in Kentucky are being asked to complete the survey.

The survey is available online at NortonKDH.com/CHNA. Along with Norton Healthcare, Norton KDH facilitates a local Community Health Needs Assessment every three years. Information regarding past surveys is available on the Norton KDH website at NortonKDH.com/CHNA.

Questions regarding the Community Health Needs Assessment survey may be directed to Heather Foy, Wellness Coordinator for Norton King's Daughters' Health, at 812-801-0175.

Kentucky House panel passes bill requiring moment of silence in schools

BY BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Kentucky House overwhelmingly passed a bill on Wednesday instructing public schools to set aside time for a moment of silence at the start of each school day.

The measure easily cleared the House on a 79-17 vote and moves on to the Senate. Republicans have supermajorities in both chambers.

Under the bill, the moment of silence would last one to two minutes at the start of the first class each day in public schools across the Bluegrass State. Students would decide how to use that time, and school personnel would be prohibited from instructing them on their silent reflection. Parents would be notified of the policy and encouraged to offer guidance to their children on how to spend that time.

Every student would be expected to remain seated and silent during that time.

During the House debate, Democratic Rep. Tina Bojanowski said she sees the bill as "a way to push prayer into public schools," adding that it raises constitutional concerns.

Public schools were barred from leading students in classroom prayer following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling decades ago that said it violated a First Amendment clause forbidding the establishment of a government religion.

Another critic of the bill, Democratic Rep. Josie Raymond, said: "This is something that belongs in the home realm for families to discuss with their children."

In praising the bill, Republican Rep. Tom Smith said what has been lacking in schools is taking the "time to thank God for our day. And I think that's what's going to watch over our education and our kids."

The bill's lead sponsor is Republican Rep. Daniel Fister.

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He said "while nobody wants to pay more than necessary for this essential service, it is incumbent on us to make the appropriate investment that preserves the sustainability of our trash collection operations and eliminates the large deficits we have been encountering."

Courtney said the new rate structure will be $17.50 for trash collection and $2.50 for recycling/compost with the overall $20 monthly cost equating to an increase of $2.54 per week.

He stated the new rate structure will "correct the deficits and allow us to keep rates lower in the future. Our current and proposed rate structure is already a good value as compared to a third-party service."

"By state law, a utility must establish fair and reasonable rates and fees paid by users of the utility at a level to maintain it in a fiscally and physically sound manner," said Courtney, adding that he and City Council "will work collaboratively on a new plan to modernize the operation, make it safer from workplace injuries and biohazards, make it more efficient by adopting new practices, modernize the administrative platform, and do all of this at a rate below the cost of a third-party service."

In order to prevent going into a deficit, Courtney said that each year for the next four years, there will be a 4% increase to keep pace with the cost of inflation. "That's critically important so that work we're doing now to adjust the rates keeps up with the costs in the future so that future costs will be lower," he said.

There is also a provision in the ordinance that City Council "has to look at our trash service rates at least every five years. In the instance we're dealing with now, it's been 10 years," and just four modest adjustments in trash rates over 40 years. "It's just not sustainable to operate a utility to function like this with such few adjustments to the price, and the city has been absorbing the price."

He said it's similar to what had occurred with the city's water utility where there had not been an increase in 15 years. "The cost of absorbing those rising costs is where we found ourselves with water, and now trash," stating there was lack of investment and setting aside funds to properly maintain "plant and equipment, lack of ability to invest or respond to urgent needs."

Courtney said the ordinance will create a capital reserve fund for "setting aside funds for the replacement of equipment." He said much of the current equipment is out-dated — some 30- to 35-years-old. "We need to have money set aside for large repairs and equipment" in order to provide the essential service of trash collection.

Courtney said new investment in equipment will eliminate the manual handling of more than 7 million pounds of trash and recycling by workers on trash trucks. "They're exposed daily to physical safety issues, injuries and biohazards. We have encountered all of them." Residents will be provided standardized containers that allow the container to be lifted and tipped into the garbage compactor mechanically, rather than by workers physically lifting the trash. "This is a much safer approach for our employees, and we need to protect them."

The transfer station/compost yard charges residents of Madison and Jefferson County a $12 minimum for up to 250 pounds, with increasing rates for higher weights up to $79 for 1,501 to 2,000 pounds.

BPWS board member Karl Eaglin said, "Nobody likes increases. I don't like them but it's a matter-of-fact that our equipment is worn out. It's time to get modern with our trash disposal." He said, "The hazards of handling waste are there, and with the mechanical means, it's a much safer operation for all of our city employees. The transfer station is in bad need of repair … Nobody likes it but this is necessary."

BPWS board member David Carlow cited increased labor costs, noting the city had previously utilized Indiana Department of Correction workers to help with pick up on trash trucks. "That saved us a lot of money over the years from having to hire additional employees" but now they are no longer available. "We've had to replace them and hire additional manpower … We got spoiled by that."

Courtney agreed that some of the city's true cost of operating the service "has been masked because we did have the DOC contract and they were essentially providing that labor, we weren't as staffed up as we needed to be, but in 2020 that changed."

First, that year the city's contract with Rumpke to pick up trash was substantially increased and then the COVID-19 prevented using the DOC workers. "We had to hire six full-time employees to perform the service," he noted.

In 2021, with the flash flood in June of that year, there were resiliency efforts in recovery. In 2022, the city moved forward on the water infrastructure project. Last year, he said the economic environment with increasing costs created a greater challenge.

"In 2023, we lost on average $6 per month per household customer, and we have over 5,000 household customers," Courtney noted. "We take the matter of providing the service extremely seriously but also on a more frequent basis than in the past we need to be evaluating our own cost structure because if there's any part of the city's business that truly has to function as a business, it's the municipal utility operations."

Courtney specifically cited a provision in the ordinance that states "city litter containers shall be used exclusively for the deposit or refuse from picnics and other miscellaneous litter accumulated by persons while using the area of the litter containers." He noted some people who live on Main Street or have a business on Main Street have used city containers for personal garbage disposal, and hopes "the discussion of that will help to improve that."

The ordinance will be submitted to City Council for first reading at its meeting Tuesday then after two weeks for review there will public comment at the second reading at the Tuesday, Feb. 20, meeting of City Council.

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GIRLS SWIM SECTIONAL

Madison has best performance ever

Photos by David Campbell

Madison sophomore Lilly Canida claimed one win — the 200 freestyle in 1:58.78 — at the IHSAA Girls Swim Sectional at Floyd Central on Saturday. The win secures her second consecutive trip to the IHSAA state finals

Madison junior Reilly Kuppler won two titles — the 50-yard freestyle in 24.40 and the 100 freestyle in 54.40 — at the IHSAA Girls Swim Sectional at Floyd Central on Saturday.

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

GEORGETOWN — Reilly Kuppler and Lilly Canida teamed up to win three of the four freestyle events and Madison's girls had their best-ever postseason showing ever at the IHSAA Girls Swimming Sectional at Floyd Central on Saturday.

Kuppler, a junior, won the 50-yard freestyle in 24.40 and the 100 freestyle in 54.40 while Canida won the 200 freestyle in 1:58.78. The pair also teamed up for two second-place finishes in the freestyle relays.

Those performances helped lead Madison to a fourth-place finish overall with 223 points and a coach of the year award for John Schutte in the process.

"I'm just proud of them because they trust the process and they believe in the coaching staff and they believe in themselves," Schutte said. "It's just an amazing day. Amazing."

The performance wasn't unexpected. The Lady Cubs came into the day seeded No. 1 in four events after a strong showing in the preliminaries on Thursday, but carrying that over to Saturday's finals is not always easy.

Kuppler admitted to feeling some nerves but pushed those aside to claim two wins on the day. Her victories in both events were nearly half-a-second faster than the runners-up.

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3A GIRLS BASKETBALL SECTIONAL

Madison no match for No. 9 Scottsburg in championship

Photos by David Campbell

Madison's Caity Dailey (21) has her shot blocked by Scottsburg's Ellie Richardson (2) during the Girls Basketball Sectional Championship game at Charlestown on Saturday. The Cubs closed out their season on a 53-36 loss to the Class 3A No. 9 Warriorettes.

Madison's Bailey Owens (with ball) looks to pass while being tightly defended by Scottsburg's Haley Thomas (11) during the Girls Basketball Sectional Championship at Charlestown on Saturday.

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

CHARLESTOWN — Madison's hopes for breaking a decade-long sectional drought were dashed in dramatic fashion as ninth-ranked Scottsburg rolled to a 53-36 win over the Cubs in the Class 3A girls basketball sectional championship at Charlestown on Saturday.

The Cubs hit just four shots from the floor in a disastrous first half that saw Scottsburg dominate every phase of the game. And while Madison actually won the second half, the damage had been done and the Warriorettes rolled to their first sectional title since 2012.

"We never gave up and that's a testament to our kids. They're just not the type of people that are gonna roll over and just let things be. They're gonna try and that's why we play sports, right?" Madison coach Adam Dennis said. "We're super proud of them. We feel like they did a really good job this year. They tried to do everything that we've asked them to do. And they did a great job. We're super proud of them."

Madison (12-13) had lost 72-37 to Scottsburg last month during the Cubs' 10-game losing streak but by Saturday's rematch in the championship, Madison was riding a five-game winning streak and playing its best basketball of the season.

None of that mattered against the Warriorettes. Scottsburg blitzed the Cubs from the start, forcing Madison into 2-of-14 shooting in the first quarter while seizing a 16-7 lead. A 15-5 second quarter gave Scottsburg a 31-12 halftime cushion.

Scottsburg (21-4) led by as many as 25 (40-15) in the fourth quarter before Madison began chipping away. The Cubs got the lead down to 15 and had the ball on three-straight possessions but couldn't get the lead into single digits. Scottsburg then put the game away late.

Dennis knew that knocking off Scottsburg was going to be a tough task, but he was pleased with the way the Cubs fought in the second half — especially outscoring the Warriorettes 24-22 over that span.

"How many times do you see it? A team goes on a losing streak like we had and they get their head down and they just kind of go through the motions the rest of the season. Our kids didn't do that," Dennis said. "This is my 19th season of being part of a coaching staff on a team and this is one of my favorites. It was one of my hardest but also one of my favorites."

Sophomore Juliana Davis fought

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SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

BASKETBALL

- Carroll Co. girls host Eminence, 6 p.m.
- Shawe boys at Columbus Christian, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

- Madison, Switzerland Co. boys, Charlestown Invite, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

BASKETBALL

- Hanover men at Rose-Hulman, 7:30 p.m.
- Hanover women host Rose-Hulman, 7:30 p.m.
- Trimble Co. boys at Brown, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

- Hanover, HCAC Championships at TBA, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

BASKETBALL

- Trimble Co. boys at Eminence, 7:30 p.m.
- Trimble Co. girls at Walton-Verona, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

- Hanover, HCAC Championships at TBA, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

BASKETBALL

- Carroll Co. girls at South Oldham, 7:30 p.m.
- Madison boys host Mount Vernon (Fortville), 7:30 p.m.
- Shawe boys host Switzerland Co., 7:30 p.m.
- Southwestern boys host Rising Sun, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

- Hanover, HCAC Championships at TBA, 6 p.m.
- Madison girls, IHSAA State Finals at Indianapolis, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING REGIONAL

Cubs' Pittman and Pacers' Richards claim regional titles

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison's Ethan Pittman and Switzerland County's Peyton Richards each scored IHSAA Wrestling Regional Championships at Jeffersonville on Saturday.

Pittman (22-4) won the title at 113 pounds. He pinned Jeffersonville's Maverick McAllister in 5:15 in the quarterfinals, posted a 7-1 decision over Brayden Walters of Salem in the semifinals, then defeated Columbus East's Ethan Poling 9-2 in the championship.

Richards (42-0) rolled through the 126-pound weight class. The sophomore pinned Corydon's Luke Enlow in 2:56 in the quarterfinals and picked

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Madison drops heartbreaker to Batesville 53-49

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison boys basketball led by as many as 16 points in the second half but couldn't hold on, falling 53-49 at home to Batesville on Saturday afternoon.

For two and a half quarters, Madison played arguably its best game of the season. The Cubs led 15-8 after the first quarter, 28-18 at halftime and took a 35-19 lead on a Landon True layup with 5:09 left in the third quarter.

But the Cubs managed just 14 points the rest of the way as Batesville began chipping away. The Bulldogs cut the lead to seven (37-30) by the end of the third quarter and tied the game at 49-49 on a Sam Johnson free throw with 1:33 to go.

Madison tried holding for the final shot but turned the ball over with 36 seconds left. Jack Grunkemeyer then connected on a layup and free throw with six seconds left to give Batesville the lead and another Madison turnover and Batesville free throw clinched the win.

Quincy Reynolds scored 15 points and had seven rebounds to lead Madison. True and Mason Davis each added nine points.

On Thursday, Madison suffered a 53-30 loss at Seymour. Reynolds had 16 points to lead the way.

Madison, now 6-12 on the season, hosts Mount Vernon (Fortville) on Friday and heads to Greensburg on Saturday. The Cubs were initially scheduled to play Carroll County on Friday but that game got switched after Carroll needed to make up a district seed game.

SHAWE FALLS TO LANESVILLE, TRINITY

Shawe gave up 36 points in the first half and fell 81-67 at Lanesville in boys basketball on Thursday.

The Hilltoppers hung tough, cutting the lead to eight at one point in the second half but could get no closer.

"We battled tonight and I am proud of the boys, but we need get our defense back on track and we will discuss that tomorrow," Shawe coach Dan Hambrick said.

Philip Kahn continued his recent torrid offensive streak with 37 points to lead Shawe while freshman Loren Stiver made the most of his first varsity start with 14 points.

On Saturday, Shawe lost 71-54 at home to Trinity Lutheran. No stats were available.

Shawe, now 8-10 on the season, travels to Columbus Christian on Tuesday and hosts Switzerland County on Friday.

TRIMBLE GIRLS WIN IN 2OT

Trimble County gutted out a 40-37 win in double overtime over Henry County on Friday in New Castle, Kentucky.

Addison Edmondson scored 21 points to lead the Raiders. Ainslie Stark and Jolie Wilcoxson added six each.

Trimble, now 12-8 overall and 6-2 31st District, travels to district rival Owen County on Tuesday, to Walton-Verona on Thursday and to district foe Eminence on Friday.

TRIMBLE BOYS FALL TO HENRY

Trimble County boys basketball lost 75-59 at Henry County on Friday.

Ethan Horn scored 29 points for the Raiders and Brayden Wilson had 15.

Trimble, now 3-18 overall and 1-7 in district play, has now lost 11-straight. The Raiders traveled to Owen County on Monday, head to Louisville Brown on Wednesday and to Eminence on Thursday.

CARROLL BOYS DROP TWO

Carroll County boys basketball suffered a pair of losses late last week.

On Thursday, Carroll lost 81-52 at Gallatin County. Braden Stephenson scored 13 points and Cooper Gutman and Landon Groves had nine points each.

On Saturday, Carroll fell 62-47 at Trinity Christian. No statistics were available for that game.

Carroll, now 7-13 overall and 3-5 in 31st District play, hosted Eminence on Monday and hosts Henry County on Friday — both district games. The Panthers then host Augusta on Saturday.

CARROLL GIRLS SPLIT PAIR

Carroll County girls basketball split two games late last week.

The Panthers lost 58-54 at Gallatin County on Friday but won 63-35 at home against Columbus Christian (Ind.) on Saturday. No stats were available for either game.

Carroll, now 6-16 overall and 1-7 in district play, hosts Eminence on Tuesday and Henry County on Friday.

Lewis reaches 1,000-point mark as Southwestern clinches ORVC title

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

No big time scorer wants to reach 1,000-career points on a free throw. But considering that his team got the win and clinched a conference title in the process, Jamison Lewis was more than fine with his milestone moment.

Lewis became the 14th player in Southwestern boys basketball history to reach 1,000 career points and the Class 2A No. 5 Rebels blasted South Ripley 70-44 to clinch at least a share of the Ohio River Valley Conference championship.

Lewis came into the game needing only three points to reach the milestone and after missing a 3-pointer early, he hit a jumper to get within one point and was then fouled on the next possession and easily sank both attempts.

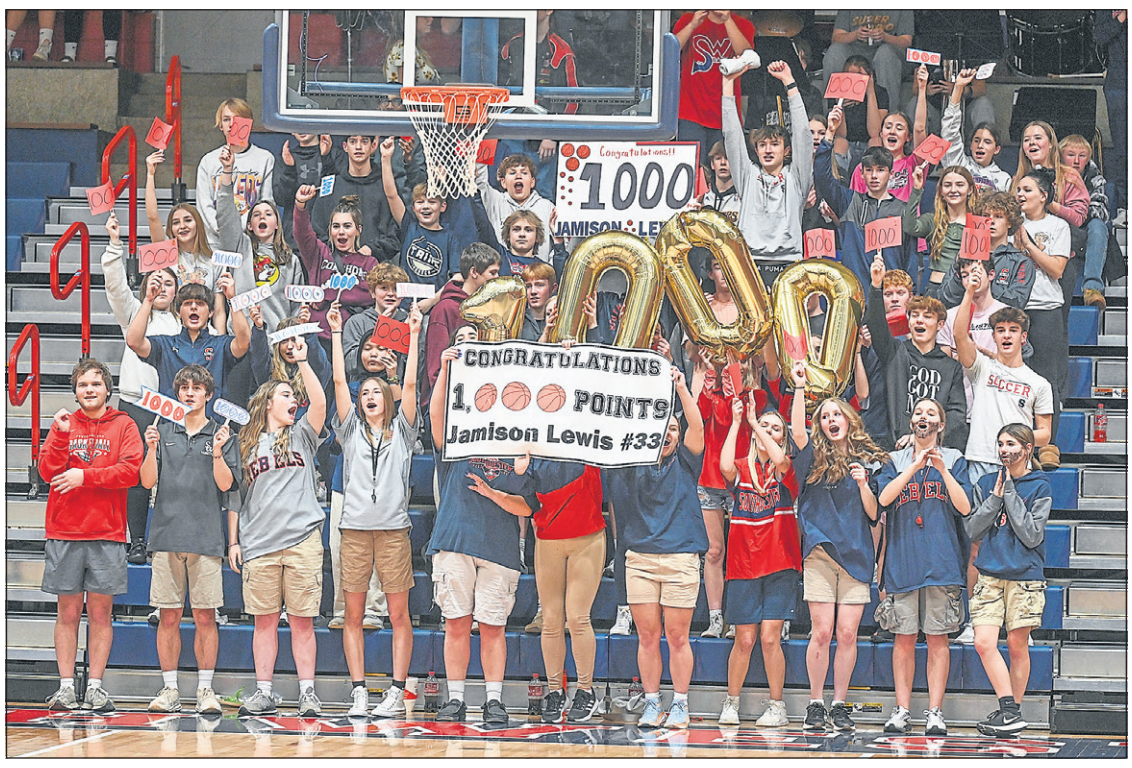
Those free throws with 4:54 left in the first quarter pushed him over 1,000 career points and led to a short ceremony at mid-court.

"It was a dream come true. I've dreamt about it ever since I was in elementary school," Lewis said. "Coming in, I was thinking maybe the last thing I wanted to do was get it on a free throw. But it's whatever. It's still the same thing. And when you look back in 10 years, it's not gonna say how I got there."

"I'm so proud of Jameson. He's a hard worker and he's proof that you don't have to specialize in this day and age," Southwestern coach Zac Nussbaum said. "He's going to play college baseball somewhere, he won a sectional in tennis, and he's still pretty good at basketball. So hopefully these younger kids can see that."

Lewis' two free throws actually cut the South Ripley lead to one (5-4) and the Rebels trailed 7-4 a moment later.

But with Lewis' milestone out of the way, Southwestern seemed to loosen up and it was off to the races.



Photos by David Campbell

Southwestern's student section holds up signs after senior Jamison Lewis scored his 1,000th-career point in the Rebels' win over South Ripley on Thursday.

Southwestern (17-2, 5-0 ORVC) led 15-10 after the first quarter and 23-17 at halftime before exploding in the second half to blow open the game. A 12-4 run late in the third quarter staked the Rebels to a 46-31 lead and a 15-0 run in the fourth — including nine-straight points from Lewis — turned the game into a rout.

Lewis finished the game with 28 points to lead all scorers and was thrilled to get his milestone in the same game in which his Rebels clinched the conference championship.

"One of our biggest goals was the conference championship this year," Lewis said. "So it's a big deal to get it tonight and special to share."

Lewis is the sixth Rebel to reach the 1,000-point mark in the past six years joining Tyler Kramer (2019), Foster Mefford and Matthew Williams (2021), Zach Cole (2022) and Peyton Gwin (2023). Lewis grew up watching Kramer and playing with the other four and said that joining them on the list is a dream come true.

"Watching TK and getting to play with Foster, Matthew, Zach and Peyton, I always wanted to do the same thing," Lewis said. "I'm just thrilled to be with them."

Steve Collier sits atop the school's scoring list with 2,023 points and Kramer is second with 1,656. Max Perry is third at 1,540 followed by Mefford (1,513), Marty Perry (1,431), Williams (1,275), Tanner Mahoney (1,153), Andy Firth (1,141), Cole (1,100), Trevor Crafton (1,070), Allen Ary (1,067) and Jim Finnegan and Terry Hay (1,046 each). Gwin finished with 1,096 points but a third of those were scored while he played for Austin.

In addition to Jamison Lewis' 28 points, younger brother Braxton Lewis scored 14 points, Brady Cook had 13 and Peyton Cloud scored nine in the win.

Southwestern hosts Rising Sun on Friday where a win over the Shiners (5-13, 0-3 ORVC) will clinch the league title outright.

Southwestern senior Jamison Lewis (33) scored his 1,000th-career point on a free throw during the Rebels' win over South Ripley on Thursday. The Rebels (17-2, 5-0 ORVC) secured at least a share of the Ohio River Valley Conference boys basketball championship with one league game left against Rising Sun (5-13, 0-3 ORVC).

GIRLS BASKETBALL SECTIONAL

Knoebel's 40 not enough as Shawe falls at buzzer

BY JORDAN BEAR

NEW WASHINGTON — Everything on the court said overtime was in the works for the sectional semifinal showdown between Shawe and Rising Sun on Friday night. Unfortunately for the Hilltoppers, after defending a long shot well, the Shiners' Alyssa Simpson collected the offensive rebound and laid in a putback at the buzzer to end Shawe's season 50-48.

"It's hard to put into words exactly how we're feeling right now," Shawe coach Drew Kring said. "It's going to take a couple weeks to fully grasp what just happened. It's heartbreaking and I just am hurting for the girls right now."

The way the game started, it appeared Shawe was going to potentially be in for a long night as the Hilltoppers were unable to get any offense going early and the Shiners jumped out to an early 10-3 lead.

After a Shawe timeout, the Hilltoppers finally put some made shots together to trail 18-12 going into the second quarter. Shawe played even with the Shiners in the second and trailed 29-23 going into the halftime break.

Shawe's defense was then in full force in the second half. The Hilltoppers' continued pressure forced multiple turnovers and Shawe lowly started to cut into the lead, culminating with an Allison Knoebel layup right before the third quarter buzzer that left Shawe trailing by just one at 33-32.

Shawe (9-13) took a one-point lead on two different occasions in the fourth quarter but both times the Shiners answered to reclaim the advantage. Rising Sun seemed to be in control with just under a minute to go with a four-point lead following a pair of free throws.

Shawe answered with a 3-pointer by Yolett Perez to cut the margin to one before

Stephanie Hellmann

Shawe's Allison Knoebel (with ball) drives to the basket during the sectional semifinals against Rising Sun on Friday. Knoebel scored a career-high 40 points in the two-point loss.

Rising Sun made one of two free throws with the score standing at 48-46 with 25 seconds left.

Knoebel drove to the basket for a layup that tied the game 48-48 with 12 seconds on the clock and Rising Sun quickly pushed the ball to the offensive end only to see a long 3-pointer bounce off the backboard. However, Simpson quickly gathered the carom and laid the ball in to give the Shiners the 50-48 win.

Knoebel was the premier force on the floor for the second straight game as the junior finished with a career high 40 points a game after posting Shawe's first-ever triple double against Crothersville with 30 points, 12 steals and 11 rebounds. Unfortunately, the Hilltoppers simply couldn't get much else going on offense to allow the Shiners to escape with the win.

Simpson led the Shiners (9-14) with 26 points and 12 rebounds.

Although the not very deep Hilltoppers played through two horrific season-ending injuries to returning starters, Shawe finished the season with a respectable 9-13 record. The Hilltoppers graduate one senior as Yolett Perez played her final game in a Hilltopper uniform. Although Shawe should be strong next year, Kring stated that losing Perez is a tough blow for the team and the school.

"Yolett is not only a great player, but she's a truly special and great person," Kring said. "Every single person at Shawe loves her. She treats everyone like family and her presence on the team made us better. She's a tough son of a gun and we will miss her."

In the championship game on Saturday, Trinity Lutheran won its fifth-straight sectional title 67-58 over Rising Sun.

PACERS FALL TO SOUTH RIPLEY

Switzerland County saw its season end with a 52-45 loss to South Ripley in the semifinals of the Class 2A sectional at North Decatur on Friday.

Courtney Higgins led the Pacers with 16 points while Halle Archer had 10 points, seven rebounds, four steals and three blocks. Bri Stow added nine points and Addie Kelso had seven.

South Ripley (14-9) fell 57-39 to North Decatur in the sectional championship on Saturday.

Switzerland ends the season with a 13-12 record.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• Southwestern jayvee boys basketball rolled to a 75-37 win over South Ripley on Thursday.

Caden Ream had 14 points for the Rebels while Caleb Goode and Caleb Seals scored 12 points each and Kaedon Higgins had 11.

Southwestern hosts Rising Sun on Friday.

• Shawe junior varsity boys basketball lost 45-40 to Lanesville on Thursday.

Cavaan Hambrick had 12 points, Loren Stiver 11 and Nate Fewell five for the Hilltoppers.

Shawe travels to travels to Columbus Christian on Tuesday and hosts Switzerland County on Friday.

• Trimble County freshman boys basketball defeated Gallatin County 42-27 on Saturday.

Liam Taylor had 13 points, Hudson Jent 12 and Ethan Heinz 10 for the Raiders.

• Applications for the 2024 Hanover Parks Department baseball and softball leagues are now being accepted.

Leagues for kids ages three through 12 are available. Cost is $30 for the first child, with a second child $25 and a third child $20. Deadline is March 27 and all applications received by that date are guaranteed a roster spot.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Hanover women hammer Manchester on senior day

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover women's basketball improved to 12-2 in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference play with a 71-44 whipping of Manchester at home on Saturday for senior day.

The Panthers led 16-9 after the first quarter and 31-14 at halftime before blowing the game open over the final two quarters.

Kylah Lawson had 14 points and nine rebounds to lead the Panthers while Taylor Heath had 11 points and five assists. Reagan Martin added eight points for Hanover.

Hanover, now 14-7 overall, hosts Rose-Hulman on Wednesday and travels to Defiance on Saturday.

MEN PULL OUT WIN OVER SPARTANS

Hanover men's basketball held off a late rally by Manchester to pick up a 74-67 win at home for senior day on Saturday.

The Panthers led 44-31 at the break but Manchester got to within five with three minutes to play before Hanover closed the door on the win.

Ty Houston exploded for 27 points and 10 rebounds to lead Hanover. Cam Freeman had 14 points and six assists and C.J. Walls and William Herald each scored nine.

Hanover, now 13-8 overall and 9-5 in the HCAC, travel to Rose-Hulman on Wednesday and to Defiance on Saturday.

WOMEN'S TRACK WINS AT ANDERSON

Hanover's women picked up seven individual wins en route to victory in the Anderson Indoor Track & Field Invitational on Saturday.

Jessie Stenger won both the shot put at 13.19 meters and the weight throw at 14.61 meters, Amberleigh Sorensen won the 800-meter run in 2:26.35, Paige Wildman won the 1-mile run in 5:44.68, Sarah Jones won the 5000 run in 19:54.41, Nina Jazdzewski won the pole vault at 2.99 meters, and Natalie Day, Sorensen, Emma Litzelman and Jazdzewski won the 1600 relay in 4:33.38.

Hanover's men placed third on the day and had a pair of wins. Conner Watson won the 3000 run in 9:21.99 and Ethan Weston won the 5000 run in 15:30.89.

Other top finishes for the Hanover women were: Gracie Henson, second, 400 dash, 1:12.38; Hanna Whitney, second, 1-mile run, 5:48.02; Day, second, 60 hurdles, 10.30; Kennadi Lakins, second, high jump, 1.47m; Aliza Boles, second, pole vault, 2.79m; Lili Seals, second, triple jump, 9.09m and third, high jump, 1.37m; Dakota Goetz, second, weight throw, 13.06m; Day, Jazdzewski, Ally McGuire and Henson, second, 800 relay, 1:57.98; Litzelman, third, 800 run, 2:34.79; Lauren Todd, third, 5000 run, 21:39.12; and McGuire, third, pole vault, 2.79m.

Other top finishes for the Hanover men were: Grady Shay, second, 60 hurdles, 8.90; Sean Woods, second, high jump, 1.80m and second, pole vault, 3.65m; Layden Adair, Jayden Enderle, Erik Perkins and Anthony Lloyd, second, 800 relay, 1:33.14; Jake Kehoe, third, shot put, 13.98m; and Nate Doty, Andrew Goedde, Luke Hommell and Alex Galanti, third, 800 relay, 1:40.23.

Hanover travels to DePauw on Saturday.

No. 5 Vols handle No. 10 UK at Rupp

BY GARY B. GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — Josiah-Jordan James and Zakai Zeigler each scored 26 points, including 17 by James after halftime, and No. 5 Tennessee topped No. 10 Kentucky 103-92 on Saturday night.

Zeigler made all five of his field goal attempts for 13 points before halftime, including three from long range, helping the Volunteers (16-5, 6-2 Southeastern Conference) lead throughout.

James followed his lead in the second half with a pair of 3s sandwiched around another by Santiago Vescovi for a 57-47 advantage that grew to 16 with 9:22 remaining.

"Our biggest mindset going into the game was making it a 40-minute fight, putting two halves together," said James, who made 9 of 18 from the field and 4 or 9 from long range.

"You can't do that without starting strong out the gate. We really just wanted to apply pressure on both ends of the floor. I think we did a really good job coming out the gate, and then we were able to sustain it for 40 minutes."

Zeigler made 8 of 11 shots (3 of 6 from the behind the arc) and dished out a career-high 13 of Tennessee's 22 assists. Jonas Aidoo had 11 points and 11 rebounds, helping the Vols beat Kentucky 44-38 on the glass. Vescovi also had 11 points.

Rob Dillingham had a career-high 35 points with six 3-pointers off the bench before fouling out for Kentucky (15-5, 5-4), which dropped its second in a row and third in four games. Antonio Reeves had 21 and Reed Sheppard 16 in his second consecutive start at point guard in place of injured D.J. Wagner (ankle).

"It was an alright game," Dillingham said. "We still got a loss. The confidence came from wanting to win. When I'm down, I feel like whatever we need to do, I have to take a shot and I have to make it."

Sheppard twice got the Wildcats within seven late in the game, but James and Zeigler answered with jumpers as Tennessee won the showdown of top-10 teams. SEC scoring leader Dalton Knecht added 16 points as the Vols rebounded from Tuesday's home loss to South Carolina.

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POLL IMPLICATIONS

Tennessee redeemed itself by beating Kentucky on the road and will likely stay in the top 10. The Wildcats' first losing streak this season figures to drop them a few spots.

BIG PICTURE

Tennessee: The Vols were impressive on both ends, establishing offense with strong perimeter shooting that answered most every Kentucky challenge along with going strong to the basket. They shot 49% and came away with a 44-point improvement from the last game and their first triple-digit performance this season.

"I thought our older guys were important tonight," coach Rick Barnes said, also noting his team's competitive practices. "We play fast, too. We tried to concentrate on transition defense but also do what we do."

Kentucky: The Wildcats played catchup from the start, and not just on the scoreboard. They were a step behind defensively and struggled again on the boards. Dillingham's shooting kept them within reach but they needed more, especially in the paint: Kentucky was outscored 42-30, allowing Zeigler numerous easy drives to the basket.

UP NEXT

Kentucky visits Vanderbilt Tuesday night (TV: Live on SEC at 8:30 p.m.).

Coen leaving UK to become Bucs' OC

BY ROB MAADDI
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

Last season at Kentucky was Liam Coen's second stint with the Wildcats. During the first, in 2021, he helped Will Levis have a breakout season that the boosted the quarterback's stock in the NFL draft.

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have agreed to hire Kentucky assistant coach Liam Coen to be their offensive coordinator, a person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Saturday because a contract hadn't been finalized.

Coen would replace Dave Canales, who left to become Carolina's head coach after one season in Tampa Bay.

Coen, who was the Wildcats' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, spent the 2022 season as the offensive coordinator for the Rams, where Baker Mayfield made four starts, before leaving to return to Kentucky.

Mayfield revived his career with Canales and the Buccaneers, leading them to an NFC South title and a playoff win. He is set to become a free agent, and reuniting with Coen would increase Tampa Bay's opportunity to re-sign him.

A finalist for AP Comeback Player of the Year, Mayfield threw for career highs of 4,044 yards and 28 touchdowns vs. just 10 interceptions after joining the Bucs on a one-year, $4 million contract following Tom Brady's retirement.

"Of all the guys they interviewed and the names I saw, there were a lot of good options," Mayfield said Friday at the Pro Bowl Games in Orlando.

"It's kind of hard to understand how that process goes, but obviously I got to work with Liam in LA," Mayfield added. "Great guy. Really, really great guy."

Last season at Kentucky was Coen's second stint with the Wildcats. During the first, in 2021, he helped Will Levis have a breakout season that the boosted the quarterback's stock in the NFL draft.

Levis passed for 2,827 yards and 24 TDs in Coen's pro-style scheme that year and was selected by the Tennessee Titans in the second round of the 2023 draft.

Coen's return to Kentucky last season was less prolific, as the Wildcats ranked in the bottom half of the SEC at 339.3 yards per game, including 221.6 passing.

One of Coen's top priorities with Tampa Bay would be improving the running game. The Bucs finished last in the league in rushing each of the past two seasons.

U of L ends 6-game skid against Florida State

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Seminoles made a late run at Louisville, closing within 96-91 on Spears' three-point play with 40 seconds remaining. Williams sank two foul shots to push the lead to three possessions and wrap up the win.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Brandon Huntley-Hatfield scored a career-high 29 points, freshman Ty-Laur Johnson had his first double-double and Louisville snapped a six-game skid with a 101-92 victory over Florida State on Saturday night.

Huntley-Hatfield made 11 of 15 shots, including his only 3-point try, and 6-of-8 free throws for the Cardinals (7-15, 2-9 Atlantic Coast Conference). He also grabbed seven rebounds before fouling out. Johnson set personal bests with 27 points and 11 assists. He sank 9 of 15 from the field, 9 of 10 from the free-throw line and grabbed six rebounds.

Curtis Williams was 7 for 7 at the foul line and scored 19 for Louisville. Mike James made it to 18 points with two baskets and 14-for-19 free-throw shooting.

Jalen Warley led the Seminoles (12-9, 6-4) with 23 points. He hit 9 of 10 shots and all five of his free throws. Primo Spears had 17 points off the bench. Jamir Watkins, Darin Green Jr. and reserve Cam Corhen all scored 14. Warley and Corhen both grabbed six rebounds.

Huntley-Hatfield had 18 points on 7-for-10 shooting and Johnson scored 13 to guide Louisville to a 47-35 lead at halftime. Warley had 11 points to lead Florida State, which shot 51.9% but missed 9 of 10 from 3-point range.

Corhen scored the first four points in an 8-0 run and Florida State pulled within 53-49 with 15:40 left to play. Huntley-Hatfield answered with back-to-back dunks to spark a 9-0 run capped by Williams' 3-pointer and Louisville led by 13.

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Louisville travels to play Syracuse on Wednesday (**TV:** Live on ACC Network at 7 p.m.).

No. 2 Purdue wins at No. 6 Wisconsin for 7th straight

BY STEVE MEGARGEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Those are elite, elite basketball players, Hall of Famers. Being mentioned in the same air as them is great, obviously. I kind of want to keep working. I'm not satisfied with just, 'Oh, I can tell my grandkids I did this.' I want to keep going. I want to keep becoming a better basketball player every year."

— Zach Edey

MADISON, Wis. — Purdue's inside-outside combination of Zach Edey and Braden Smith is a tough matchup for the Boilermakers' opponents.

Even the strongest ones.

Smith scored 19 points and Edey joined another exclusive club as the second-ranked Boilermakers beat No. 6 Wisconsin 75-69 on Sunday for their seventh consecutive victory. Purdue is 6-0 this season against teams that were ranked 11th or higher at the time of the game.

"We have an elite point guard and we have an elite center," coach Matt Painter said. "So when you go into a team, you've got to be able to gameplan for Zach Edey. It's obvious, right? But then, you've also got to gameplan for Braden Smith and his ability to pass, because they both make other people better."

Lance Jones scored 20 points for Purdue (21-2, 10-2), which took the lead for good midway through the first half and extended its Big Ten lead to 1½ games.

Wisconsin (16-6, 8-3) lost its second straight as it prepares for a two-game trip to Michigan and Rutgers.

Edey had 18 points, 13 rebounds and three blocked shots. The 7-foot-4 center has 201 career blocks, joining Patrick Ewing and David Robinson as the only players in NCAA history to combine 2,000 points, 1,000 rebounds and 200 blocks while shooting at least 60% from the field.

"Those are elite, elite basketball players, Hall of Famers," Edey said. "Being mentioned in the same air as them is great, obviously. I kind of want to keep working. I'm not satisfied with just, 'Oh, I can tell my grandkids I did this.' I want to keep going. I want to keep becoming a better basketball player every year."

Edey has scored at least 10 points in an NCAA-leading 74 straight games. Edey broke Rick Mount's 54-year-old school record for consecutive double-figure scoring games on Wednesday by going for 30 points in a 105-96 overtime victory over Northwestern.

Tyler Wahl led Wisconsin with a season-high 20 points to go along with seven rebounds and five assists.

This marked the sixth consecutive Purdue-Wisconsin game to be decided by six points or fewer. The teams meet again March 10 at Purdue.

Purdue took the lead for good midway through the first half and extended the margin to 10 with about 14 1/2 minutes remaining.

Wahl converted an offensive rebound off his own missed 3-point attempt to cut Purdue's lead to 59-57 with 4:46 left. Edey then missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity for the second time in the second half, but Mason Gillis got the offensive rebound to set up Jones' driving layup with 4:15 remaining.

Wisconsin trailed 66-61 when Chucky Hepburn got a midcourt steal with 1½ minutes left, but the Badgers couldn't convert the turnover into points. Jones then made a driving layup attempt with 59 seconds left to give Purdue all the breathing room it would need.

"They're really complete," Wisconsin coach Greg Gard said. "They've got a lot of pieces. We have a lot of pieces. But the difference maker obviously is Zach. You can't replicate or simulate that."

BIG PICTURE

Purdue: The Boilermakers won this one by outrebounding Wisconsin 42-29 and outscoring the Badgers 21-14 in second-chance points. Edey had six of Purdue's 14 offensive rebounds. "He's the best that I've been around at tapping the ball back," Painter said. "You always think it's over-the-back, and then you go back and watch and he's just 7 inches taller than the guy. His effort is amazing, for someone who is carrying around that kind of cargo."

Wisconsin: The Badgers hurt themselves by shooting 3 of 19 from 3-point range. Although AJ Storr scored 14 points, he shot 4 of 15 overall and 0 of 4 from beyond the arc.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Purdue figures to stay at No. 2. The Badgers may have trouble remaining in the top 10.

UP NEXT

Purdue hosts Indiana on Saturday (**TV:** Live on FOX at 8 p.m.)

Penn St. pulls an Ace to sink IU at Assembly Hall

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON — Ace Baldwin Jr. scored 22 points and Zach Hicks scored 19 and Penn State stunned Indiana in an 85-71 win on Saturday for the Nittany Lions' first win at Assembly Hall in almost 10 years.

Penn State (10-11, 5-6 Big Ten) hadn't beaten Indiana in Bloomington since a 66-65 win on Feb. 12, 2014. The Nittany Lions now have won two-straight road games, both of which were accomplished without leading scorer Kanye Clary who is out with a facial injury.

Indiana was without senior point guard Xavier Johnson due to an elbow injury.

Qudus Wahab scored 14 points shooting 7 for 8 and reserve Jameel Brown scored 14 shooting 4 for 5 — all from 3-point range — for Penn State. D'Marco Dunn added 10. Penn State was 12 for 22 (54.5%) from 3.

Kel'el Ware scored 17 of his 25 points in the first half for the Hoosiers. Malik Reneau added 16 points, MacKenzie Mgbako 13 and Trey Galloway 12 for the Hoosiers.

Baldwin gave Penn State its first lead of the game with a 3-pointer that made it 45-43 just a little more than three minutes into the second half as the Nittany Lions started the half with an 8-2 run.

The Nittany Lions outscored Indiana 25-10 in the first 10 minutes out of intermission and stayed in control the remainder.

Ware had a perfect shooting first half making 6 of 6 and 4 of 4 from the foul line. The Hoosiers (13-9, 5-6) led for all the first half and built a 34-23 lead on Ware's three-point play with 5:15 remaining before halftime.

Penn State got back in it when Brown made two 3s in a three-possession sequence and Puff Johnson followed with a layup to reduce the deficit to 34-31. Indiana led 41-37 at halftime.

Indiana travels to Ohio State on Tuesday (**TV:** Live on Peacock at 7 p.m. before visiting Purdue on Saturday (**TV:** Live on FOX at 8 p.m.).

Sheldon scores 25, McMahon 20 at No. 8 Ohio State outlasts No. 10 Indiana

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jacy Sheldon scored 25 points, Cotie McMahon had 20 points and seven rebounds and No. 8 Ohio State used a second-half surge to upend No. 10 Indiana 74-69 on Sunday for its ninth consecutive win.

The Buckeyes (19-3, 10-1) took off in the third quarter, going on a 16-5 run to finish the frame up by eight points. They led by as many as 14 with 7:32 left in the game.

But a three-minute scoring drought by Ohio State allowed Indiana (18-3, 9-2) to cut the deficit to eight until a 3-pointer from Taylor Thierry at the 3:03 mark put the Buckeyes back on top by 11.

The Hoosiers stayed right in it. Two late 3-pointers by Yarden Garzon kept them in the game, her second one cutting Ohio State's lead to 70-66 with 28 seconds remaining.

Indiana had to start fouling, and free throws by Sheldon and Thierry sealed the win.

Sheldon said there was never any panic by the Buckeyes.

"We've been in that position a lot," the fifth-year guard said. "We've been down in a lot of games. We've been up and had to keep the lead. So experience is huge. We have a lot of older girls, but we have a lot of younger girls who haven't been there before, and that's something we just emphasize a lot — keeping our cool both physically and mentally."

Sara Scalia led Indiana with 25 points, and Mackenzie Holmes and Garzon each had 14 points and nine rebounds.

Indiana finished off the first half with a 7-0 run — including five from Chloe Moore-McNeil — to go up 37-32 at halftime. Ohio State didn't play well up until then, getting outscored in the paint 24-12 and outrebounded 23-14.

"The first four minutes (of the second half) just got away from us, and I thought we lost all momentum," Indiana coach Teri Moren said. "They regained it, and then we were kind of playing catch-up for the remainder of the game."

BIG PICTURE

Indiana: Outshot Ohio State 46.3% to 45%% in a close game that was within reach until the end.

"Twenty-one points off our (23) turnovers — that's the game right there," Moren said. "We can dissect it any way you want, but that's the game — 21 points off our turnovers.

Ohio State: Sheldon and McMahon were again terrific in leading the Buckeyes, although McMahon fouled out with 3:10 left. She also had five assists. The Buckeyes' winning streak includes a 100-92 overtime victory over then-No. 2 Iowa on Jan. 21. McMahon had 33 points and 12 rebounds and Sheldon had 24 points and seven rebounds in that game.

Pitino: NCAA enforcement arm 'a joke' and 'should be disbanded'

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — With legal disputes escalating over the use of name, image and likeness compensation in the recruitment of college athletes, Hall of Fame basketball coach Rick Pitino believes it's time for the NCAA to stand down when it comes to policing member schools.

"It's a very difficult time in college basketball, because it's free agency. And now I think what's going to happen is, they're going to say everybody can transfer, and then if they don't like it, they're going to take 'em to court," the first-year St. John's coach said Saturday.

"So, I think the NCAA enforcement staff just should be disbanded. It's a joke. Not because I dislike them. But, they're of no value anymore. Because just, Tennessee now will take 'em to court, Virginia will take 'em to court …"

The attorneys general of Tennessee and Virginia filed an antitrust lawsuit against the NCAA on Wednesday that challenged its ban on the use of NIL compensation in recruiting, and in response to the association's investigation of the University of Tennessee.

A judge will hear their request on Feb. 13 for a preliminary injunction that would put on hold NCAA rules banning recruiting inducements and pay-for-play, the court posted Friday.

The 71-year-old Pitino volunteered his thoughts on the NCAA following his team's 77-64 loss to top-ranked UConn at Madison Square Garden. His comments came at the postgame news conference in response to a reporter's question about stoking a renewed rivalry with the powerhouse Huskies, the defending national champions, as he rebuilds the St. John's program.

"The enforcement staff needs to go away," Pitino continued. "We need to stop all the hypocrisy of NIL. We need to stop it. Because they can't stop it. Whether I'm for it or against it doesn't matter.

"They are professional athletes. Get professionally paid. It's not going away. You can't try to get loopholes, because they take you to court. That's why I say — so I'm not knocking the enforcement staff — they're going to get taken to court every time they try to make a rule. So it's a tough time in college basketball right now. And for us, you can't really build programs and a culture because everybody leaves."

Pitino, who won national championships at Kentucky in 1996 and Louisville in 2013, has had his own history of run-ins with the NCAA.

The title at Louisville was vacated for NCAA violations, and another NCAA case related to the FBI's investigation into corruption in college basketball recruiting led to him being fired by Louisville in 2017.

The final ruling from the NCAA's outside enforcement arm on the FBI case came down in November 2022 and exonerated Pitino.

After leaving Iona last March to take the St. John's job, Pitino brought in 12 new players for this season — including 10 transfers. But he said the current college landscape involving NIL and the transfer portal makes it "very tough" to build a consistent culture at a high-level program.

"I think so many football coaches are getting out, so many basketball coaches are getting out, because of this culture," Pitino said. "It's tough to build a program. You've got to really innovate, get creative and understand these rules right now — or lack of rules."

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4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	FBI		FBI: Int		FBI-Wanted		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Night	Extend..	La Brea (N)		Quantum (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Inside the NFL		Whose..	Whose..	News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Celebrity Wheel		Will Trent		The Rookie		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Celebrity Wheel		Will Trent		The Rookie		News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Roots (N)		City of Ali ('21)			Ambul..	BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Name-Tune (N)		The Floor (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	FBI		FBI: Int		FBI-Wanted		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Inside the NFL		Whose..	Whose..	BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Name-Tune (N)		The Floor (N)		WDRB News		WDR..
A&E	28	36	Road..	Road..	Road..	Road..	Road..	Road..	Road..	Road..	Custo..	Custo..	Custo..
AMC	29	26	(5:00) Hunger Games: Catching ...				Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1					Hunger Gam...	
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	(:25) The Office		Office	Office	Office	Office	SouthP..
DISC	31	38	Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshine "Tennessee Spirit" (N)				Big Little (N)		Moons..
DISN	25	29	Hamst..	Hamst..	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Marvel..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Villains
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		College Basketball				Basketball Texas Tech at Baylor				Sports..
FREE	18	40	(5:30) Ferris Bueller's Day Off				The Waterboy ('98)				Good Trbl (N)		700Club
FX	40	28	(4:00) Star Wa...		Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back ('80)						Star Wars: Return of t...		
HBO	201	17	(:20) Real Time		(:20) Enthusiasm		The Flash ('23) Ezra Miller.				True "Part 4"		
MAX	270	73	(:20) Ingrid Goes West ('17)				The New World ('05) Colin Farrell.				(:25) Ronin		
NEWSNTN	20	20	The Hill (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	The Wolf of Wall Street ('13) Leonardo DiCaprio.						
SHOW	221	16	Michael Clayton ('07)				The Woman		Kokomo City		(:15) Thriller 40		
TMC	233	74	The Long Kiss Goodnight (P)				Deception ('08) (P)			(:50) Basic Instinct 2 ('06)			
TNT	27	43	(4:00) Guardia...		Tip-Off	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball		
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		WWE NXT (N) (Live)				(:10) Bad News Bears		

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4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Price Is (N)		Let-Make (N)		FBI True (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Chicago (N)		Chi. Fire (N)		Chicago (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Wild Cards (N)		Family Law (N)		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Conners	NotDe..	Abbott (N) (SP)		Judge (N)		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Conners	NotDe..	Abbott (N) (SP)		Judge (N)		News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Nature (N)		NOVA (N)		Secrets		BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	I Can See (N)		We Are Family		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Price Is (N)		Let-Make (N)		FBI True (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Wild Cards (N)		Family Law (N)		BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	I Can See (N)		We Are Family		WDRB News		WDR..
A&E	28	36	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Booked (N)		Court..
AMC	29	26	(5:00) Hunger Games: Mockingja...				Armageddon ('98) Billy Bob Thornton, Bruce Willis.						
COM	45	59	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	SouthP..
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ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		NBA	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball		
FREE	18	40	(5:30) The Boss ('16)			Central Intelligence ('16)					Chrissy (N)		700Club
FX	40	28	(5:00) Ant-Man			Guardians of the Galaxy ('14)					Feud (N)		Feud
HBO	201	17	(5:40) Furious 7 ('15)				Skyfall ('12) Daniel Craig.				(:25) True		
MAX	270	73	Movie	(:25) Hotel Artemis			Altitude ('17)			Hit & Run ('12)			Movie
NEWSNTN	20	20	The Hill (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	Titanic ('97) Kate Winslet, Leonardo DiCaprio.						
SHOW	221	16	(5:00) Whale		The Godfather ('72) Marlon Brando.						The Godfather, Part II		
TMC	233	74	Movie	Snag ('23)			Sahara ('05) (P)				Machine Gun Preacher		
TNT	27	43	ShaqLi..	NHL o..	NHL Hockey					NHL Hockey			
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-S..

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A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48 (N)		The Stand (N)		(:05) Undercover		First48
AMC	29	26	(4:30) Armageddon ('98)				The Shawshank Redemption ('94)						Movie
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	(:25) The Office		Office	Office	Office	Office	SouthP..
DISC	31	38	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!
DISN	25	29	Hamst..	Hamst..	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Marvel..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Jessie
ESPN	32	44	Women's College Basketball				NHL Hockey					Boxing	
FREE	18	40	Movie	This Means War ('12)				Sweet Home Alabama ('02)					700Club
FX	40	28	(5:30) Guardians of the Galaxy				Venom: Let There Be Carnage				Spider-Man: No Way ...		
HBO	201	17	(5:30) Sex and the City ('08)				Enthus..	(:40) Moonlight ('16)				Midsommar	
MAX	270	73	(:20) Barely Lethal ('15)				The Fluffy Movie			(:40) The Animal ('01)			Movie
NEWSNTN	20	20	The Hill (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
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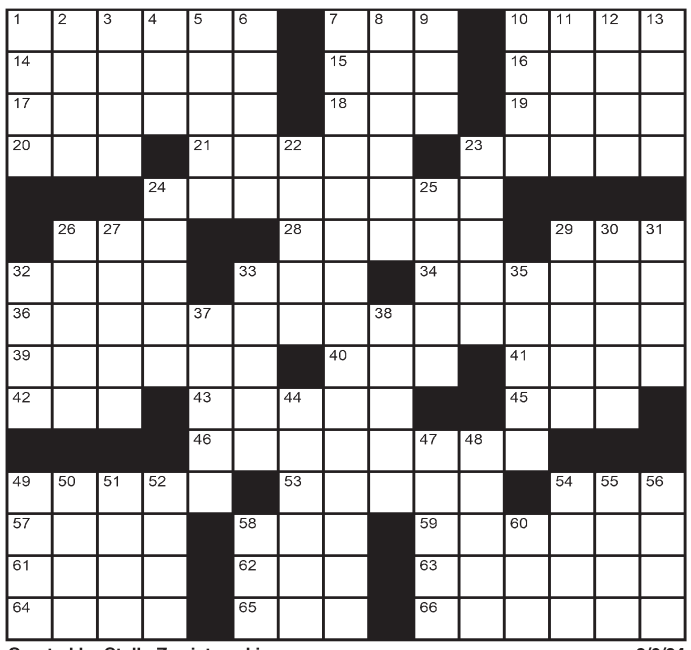
SHOW	221	16	Romeo & Juliet ('96)				Freedom's Path ('22)				(:15) The Woman		Movie
TMC	233	74	Movie	(:25) New York Ninja			The Longest Yard ('05) (P)				Critical Condition		
TNT	27	43	(4:00) Batman ...		Tip-Off	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball		
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Thor ('11) Chris Hemsworth.				Braven (P)		

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS
1 Structure built at the beach
7 Enemy
10 Big enemy in a video game
14 Shooter of arrows
15 Make a decision
16 Opera tune
17 One on a sports team
18 Checkout counter abbr.
19 Lots of
20 Male offspring
21 Masked swordsman of fiction
23 Goes on foot
24 Kuala Lumpur's country
26 Regret
28 Heroic actions
29 "America's Got Talent" network
32 Influence, idiomatically
33 Nowhere to be found, for short
34 As a whole
36 Hidden agendas
39 Carb-y breakfast choice
40 Structure that might create a lake
41 Carnivore's intake
42 Important time
43 Outer's opposite
45 Source of 48-Down
46 Beachcomber's collectible
49 Like Sundance films
53 Garbage
54 Accomplished
57 Overall feeling
58 Tell an untruth
59 Apple web browser
61 Edit menu choice
62 Wide street: Abbr.
63 Polisher of prose
64 Place to play "Marco Polo"
65 "Naturally!"
66 Renter

DOWN
1 Baseball hats
2 Singer Guthrie
3 Look over quickly
4 Biblical possessive pronoun
5 TV host Gibbons
6 Flynn who played Robin Hood
7 University undergraduate offerings
8 Actively resist
9 "And more like this": Abbr.
10 The Crimson Tide, for short
11 Taken by mouth
12 Go underwater
13 Utters
22 Sirius XM medium
23 "I ___ talking to you!"
24 Battle royale
25 Figure of speech
26 King or queen, for example
27 Prefix with "sound" or "violet"
29 Work of fiction
30 Subs on a field
31 Price
32 Color similar to maroon
33 Winnie the Pooh's creator
35 Multiplied by
37 Lift up
38 Model Maples
44 Tourist's counterpart
47 Stock holding, for example
48 Relief from the sun
49 "My turn!"
50 Action that's taboo
51 Extinct bird
52 Worshiped celebrity
54 Experimental observations
55 Press, as clothes
56 Schmutz
58 "Now I ___ me down to sleep"
60 Fish's appendage



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Today's Puzzle Solved

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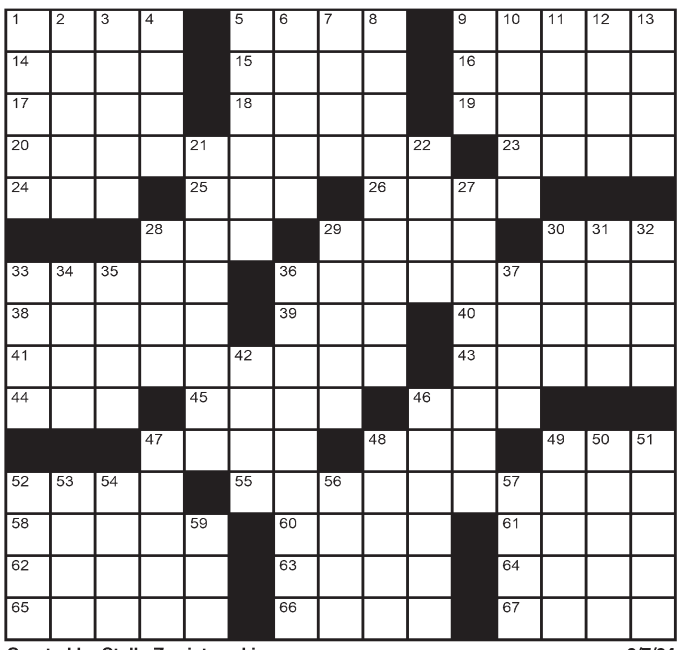
ACROSS
1 Wearing footwear
5 Inquires
9 Baseball field covers
14 Imitate
15 Political survey
16 Simply the best
17 Tot's bump or bruise
18 Detective's lead
19 Radio and TV, e.g.
20 Tinkling outdoor decorations
23 Animal that kids can ride
24 "Semi-Homemade" star Sandra
25 "I wish ___ listen to me"
26 Annoying person
28 Goal
29 Beat, as wings
30 Surface for gloss
33 Surface for a dandruff treatment
36 Happening too soon
38 Sound in a live feed
39 "___ Misérables"
40 David Blaine's forte
41 What some have thrust upon them, according to Shakespeare
43 Make holy
44 Cory Booker's title: Abbr.
45 Rachel's Biblical sister
46 Female deer
47 Skirt bottoms
48 "And yet..."
49 Genre with rhymes
52 ___ puffs (natural Black hairstyle)
55 NASA's purview
58 Enormous
60 Part to play
61 Reverberation
62 Omit in speech
63 Slaughter of baseball
64 Observed
65 Roughage-filled dish
66 Bastes, perhaps
67 "What are the ___?"

DOWN
1 Frowny face
2 "Deal or No Deal" host Mandel
3 Put in one's two cents
4 Artificially colored
5 High school sci. class for college credit
6 State of matter
7 Supermodel Heidi
8 Suffering from insomnia
9 Apple CEO Cook
10 Highly skilled
11 Mulligan
12 What analgesics relieve
13 Do in
21 Chain named for a smoked chili pepper
22 Line of stitches
27 Inbox-filling programs
28 Et ___ (and others)
29 Not preserved
30 Olympian's sled
31 Colored eye part
32 Bench muscles, for short
33 Droops
34 Restore to health
35 Yemeni port
36 Joys of life
37 Story
42 Pixar clownfish
46 Pressure
47 CR-V maker
48 Underneath
49 Ran a 5-K, say
50 Felt sore
51 Lowly workers
52 Gets older
53 Sportswear brand
54 Bus alternative
56 Voicemail signal
57 Mexican currency
59 Baseball legend Williams



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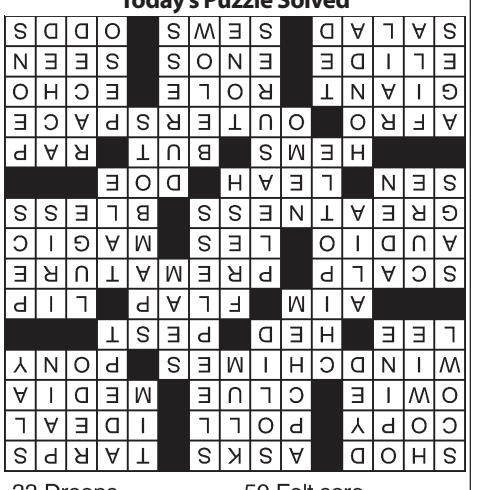

Wife concerned about husband's pot use

Dear Amy: My 63-year-old husband has a successful career and a loving family. And he smokes pot morning, noon and night.

He knows it disturbs me (I don't like the smell, and I really don't like his altered state), so he has found ways to do it that I do not smell and also "sneaks" it in pretending he is doing something else like walking the dog.

He is a loving partner, a good dad and he lies to me about smoking pot. He says it is my fault that he sneaks. I try to ignore it, but it is hard when he rolls out of bed to get high.

What do you suggest?

— Disgusted

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Disgusted: You must admit that if you didn't object to your husband's pot use, he probably wouldn't sneak it. If he switched to gummies (instead of smoking), that would relieve one of your objections — the pungent smell.

There is a somewhat common belief that marijuana is not addictive, but you claim your husband cannot seem to get through the day without using cannabis. The drug's effect on any one person varies widely, based on a number of factors, including the amount of THC in the dose and the health and age of the user, as well as if he takes prescription medication, drinks alcohol or uses other drugs in addition to pot.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention cites one study stating that "approximately 3 in 10 people who use marijuana have marijuana use disorder ... meaning that they are unable to stop using marijuana even though it's causing health and social problems in their lives."

Your husband might have marijuana use disorder, a dependence on pot, or, perhaps, he just really loves to be high all the time.

Due to the increased and common consumption of marijuana and the sometimes challenging issues pot use raises among loved ones, "friends and family" support groups have sprung up to offer support to people affected by another's pot use.

Mar-anon.com runs on a 12-step model and is associated with Marijuana Anonymous (marijuana-anonymous.org).

Zoom meetings are available every day, and these and in-person meetings are listed on the organization's website.

I recommend that you should try your hardest to stop policing your husband's pot use and detach from his behavior so that you can separate your own options from your anger over his choices.

Family friends poach vacation rental

Dear Amy: For over a decade, my family and another very close family of friends, "The Smiths," have vacationed together on our favorite island off the southern coast. Our children view them as family and adore the parents and their children (who are exactly the same age as ours).

The Smiths are much more affluent than we and owned their own home on the island for many years while we rented a house nearby. Last year, they sold their home (for an enormous profit, I might add), so now they must also rent a home for our beloved trip.

Imagine our surprise when we learned this year that they booked the very same rental house we have used for several years for themselves.

This is incredibly hurtful, but especially because we have been in a very tumultuous financial situation and depended on the significant "repeat renter discount" we received from the unit owners to rent their home.

While we obviously understand that we have zero right to control a rental unit, we are extremely sad and frankly heartbroken that our friends seemed to have no sense of this possibly being hurtful or undermining toward us.

Should we say something about our hurt feelings just to clear the air? Should we say nothing and take the hint that maybe they don't feel the same way toward us as we do about them and not go on the trip? Or should we just act like nothing's wrong and pay for a more expensive rental and let it go?

— Sad and Confused in CT

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Sad and Confused: It is almost impossible to imagine that these savvy homeowners on an island are unaware of how attached annual renters become to their usual rental property. Regular renters are often prized by landlords, who offer discounts to good and reliable annual tenants as both rewards and incentives. Oftentimes, landlords will give their "regulars" a right of first refusal before they open up their property to new tenants. So yes, "The Smiths'" choice to snap up this rental for themselves leaves you scrambling (choice island rentals often book up many months in advance of the season).

You could respond to this by saying, quite frankly, "You guys snapped up the house we've been renting, and now we're scrambling to find a new rental for our time on the island. I'm not sure we'll be able to find a place we can afford, so if you know of anything, please let us know. We're going to have to leave our plans up in the air for now. This is a bummer for us, and we're all disappointed."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Shifting circumstances could spark a new perspective on financial matters that might help you achieve your goals. Put some personal needs temporarily on hold and emphasize fulfilling the most pressing commitments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Keep a steady hand on the tiller of your destiny and do what you can to catch prevailing winds to reach your chosen destination. You may feel a growing desire to buck the trends and an eager need to change the narrative.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The wheels of chance are moving and often turn on a dime. With some conditions in flux this may not be a good time to make promises or strike a deal. Embrace your creative side by gathering inspired ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Life is complicated, and some days are better than others, so be fully present to enjoy those when they happen. Though a lot can be mystifying in the moment, you are exactly where you need to be in the grand scheme of your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your philosophy might be, "there is no reason to merely blend in when you can stand out." If you yearn for attention, this day could make you a star or a disruptive influence, depending upon how well you can read the room.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You might tread a fine line between fantasy and reality. Someone new, or something you read, may fill your head with possibilities. Be careful to postpone decisions until you've dug for all the facts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Attractions based on physical chemistry alone can't last. An exciting new friend may be fascinating but might not be a match for the long term if there is not spiritual harmony, shared values, and a cerebral connection.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Consider pulling the plug on something that is not working for you; sometimes making a change is necessary. Letting go might be about as much fun as having food poisoning, but you'll likely feel much better afterward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — If you are having second thoughts about someone or something, this may be the time for a clear assessment of all available facts. The answer to a nagging problem might be found with a single phone call or text message.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may be so hungry and thirsty that you don't notice that your latest person of interest is busy waving red or yellow flags. This could be a good time to avoid making a commitment while you let the universe Handle things.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Consider going with the flow rather than fighting the forces of nature. You might reveal innovative techniques or original ideas to your team. Gain ground by networking with people who can boost your career.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — It's easy to get overwhelmed and let things slip through the cracks, and you or someone else might become anxious at what is overlooked. Take time to work on improving your focus and systems so nothing important gets missed.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your judgment is typically good but today is a day to be more careful. Find ways to delay any decisions that clearly require more and better information. You'll be on track soon so don't risk making a bad call.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Extravagance and too much focus on optics might give the wrong impression to observers when you want to launch a new idea. A better objective would be to be positioned to produce it later when it really matters.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There are times when people around you are in need of help and don't know how to ask. Unless it's part of your own lived experience you probably can't recognize other people's problems readily. Let people know you're willing to help.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Working closely with bright and talented people can be exhilarating but can also trigger envy. Don't pedestal anyone, everyone has challenges, limitations, and sorrows. Let envy be a signal to level up your own life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may have updated your credentials, improved your résumé, and want to do some bragging, but right now, this might be seen as a challenge to authority. Wait for a more opportune time to strut your stuff.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You might look great and impress some people with your sparkling personality. A partner may be your biggest fan and supporter during these times. Be sure to make notes when you come across inspiring ideas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — It's a lot of fun to socialize, but you'll have to remember all the context to avoid possible awkward encounters that might undermine your efforts. Don't forget the backstory, the current situation, and your future goals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Some choices may not be yours to make. There could be times when you can control the outcome, and other times when circumstances beyond your control might send you in a different direction. Understand the difference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — The drive to meet goals can be so adrenalizing you might be inclined to forget the importance of teamwork as things come to a head. Remember, no one would be there without everyone's contributions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your insights into people could be invaluable. If you are the center of someone's attention, enjoy it unless it's just too weird. If you have saved up money for a rainy day, don't spend it just because you see clouds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Being optimistic about your project is wonderful but don't allow confidence to obscure the reality; too much blind enthusiasm can make people careless. Take time to check the details before you start the launch sequence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Consider asking for assistance if and when you need it; lots of people like being helpful. You may take pride in being self-sufficient but it could seem overly self-conscious or cringey somehow in a group situation.

Belichick takes out ad to thank New England fans

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Former Patriots coach Bill Belichick took out a full-page newspaper ad on Sunday to thank Boston fans for their support during his time on the New England sideline.

"For 24 years, I was blessed to feel your passion and your power," said the ad, which ran in Sunday's Boston Globe and includes an image of Belichick overlooking a large crowd.

"Six times, you packed Boston by the millions for parades that were truly a two-way expression of gratitude and love," he wrote. "The images from those days are burned in my memory."

Belichick coached the Patriots to six Super Bowl championships and 17 AFC East titles in a 19-year span. But the team struggled after quarterback Tom Brady left, with three losing seasons in four years and a 4-13 record in 2023 that led to Belichick's departure.

Although he interviewed twice for the Atlanta Falcons position, the offseason hiring cycle appears to have concluded without him landing a new job.

Belichick was known for his time in both Cleveland and New England for being closed-lipped and refusing to engage with reporters or fans longing for information about the team.

But now that he's gone, the hoodie-wearing coach even poked fun at his reputation as a grouch.

"You may even have enjoyed my fashion sense and press conferences, or maybe you just tolerated them," he wrote. "I loved coaching here and, together, we experienced some amazing moments."

Pro Bowl Games showcase future Olympic sport

BY FRED GOODALL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. — All-Pro wide receiver Tyreek Hill catching a pass over the middle and flashing world-class speed on the way to scoring a touchdown.

Receiver Keenan Allen taking a lateral from C.J. Stroud, juking a defender to buy time before throwing across the field to tight end Evan Engram in the left corner of the end zone.

The Pro Bowl Games concluded Sunday with NFC and AFC stars competing in a flag football game that gave fans and a national television audience glimpses of what the soon-to-be Olympic sport could look like with such highly skilled athletes on the field.

"It was cool. A little flag football. We didn't really play hard when it was pads," Allen said. "It's still football. … You are out there running around with the guys who are the best talent in the NFL. It's fun to be out there."

The NFC defeated the AFC 64-59 at Camping World Stadium, with the final score determined by combining points from Sunday's game with those accumulated by each conference over two days of skills challenges.

This was the second year for a reimagined format that replaced the traditional Pro Bowl tackle football game, which waned in popularity over the past decade.

Players and an announced crowd of 55,709 seemed to enjoy what has become largely a made-for-TV event.

"I think it was amazing," Stroud, who led the Houston Texans to the AFC South title and a playoff victory as a rookie this season. "People showed up and showed out and had a good time."

Stroud had a chance to win it at the end, but his final pass of the game — intended for Allen, a six-time Pro Bowl selection with the Los Angeles Chargers, was broken up in the end zone.

"We wanted to win bad," Allen said. "We were just trying to make plays at the end."

Flag football has been added to the Olympic program for the 2028 Summer Games in Los Angeles, and the NFL is exploring the possibility of allowing its players an opportunity to be part of Team USA when the sport debuts in four years.

Hill and Patrick Mahomes are the biggest stars who have said they would be interested in playing in the Olympics.

Tampa Bay's Baker Mayfield came off the bench in the second half to win most valuable offensive player honors. Eli Manning coached the NFC, defeating older brother Peyton Manning, who also was on the losing side as coach of the AFC a year ago in Las Vegas.

"It was pretty fun. I give it an 8 out of 10 because we didn't win," said Denver Broncos cornerback Pat Surtain II, who had an interception return for a touchdown. "But at the end of the day, it was fun just being around the football, the game we love, and being at a different level playing flag and with the skills competition and stuff. It was pretty dope."

Super Bowl in Las Vegas further cements NFL's relationship with city it once shunned

BY MARK ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — A meeting scheduled in the 1980s between the NFL and sportsbook directors sparked hope in Las Vegas that their relationship would soon take a much more positive turn after decades during which the league kept the city at arm's length.

When all it turned out to be was a league official telling the casinos they would each be charged $25,000 a year to televise NFL games, longtime sportsbook director Jimmy Vaccaro knew the relationship would remain frosty for the foreseeable future.

"In the long run, we thought there's no sense fighting these people because they can turn off the switch and there are no football games on," Vaccaro said. "So you just have to eat it and go from there."

Now the NFL can't get enough of Las Vegas. The Raiders have been playing near the Strip at Allegiant Stadium since 2020, and on Sunday the stadium will host the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl, the most visible sign that the league has come to embrace both the city and the growing gambling industry. The city has also hosted the NFL draft and two Pro Bowls.

"The relationship developed very quickly," said Jay Kornegay, vice president of race and sports operations at Westgate Las Vegas. "To us, it felt like it was a 180-degree turn. For decades, it was a precarious type of relationship. We talked to each other a number of times over the decades, but it was very clear their stance on sports gambling, and we certainly respected that."

Las Vegas bookmakers, business executives and government officials largely took a pragmatic view when it came to how they worked with the NFL, a key reason the transition to a much warmer relationship has been smooth.

They could've taken the NFL's snubs much more personally, and in fact, the league made two decisions that especially didn't sit well.

One was in the 2003 when the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority asked to run a TV commercial during the Super Bowl touting the city. The NFL refused to air the ad, even though it didn't mention gambling.

Authority CEO and President Steve Hill wasn't in charge of the agency at the time, but in speaking with several people about the ad being nixed, he learned some were genuinely surprised and insulted.

But Hill added, chuckling: "I also think there was a fair amount of feigned surprise. It just plays wrong. Hey, this is going to draw free attention to us, which it did. And we played it up. It's not the end-of-the-world kind of thing, so let's play hurt and get some free media."

The famous Las Vegas slogan "What happens here, stays here" was in the rejected commercial. It debuted that year, and Hill said the Super Bowl ad controversy was especially fortuitous in driving home the idea for tourists craving a place with relaxed rules and no judgement.

Then in 2015, then-Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo was scheduled to headline a fantasy football convention at the Venetian that the NFL put the kibosh on because it was on casino property. Romo, who as CBS's No. 1 game analyst will be calling this Super Bowl, unsuccessfully sued the league.

Las Vegas bookmakers, in the meantime, forged ahead and even worked with the NFL and other leagues when they discovered suspicious bets or line changes.

"They liked it when we told them what we thought when they wanted to question something, but that meant nothing after that," Vaccaro said.

Two events swung the pendulum the other way.

NFL owners in 2017 approved the Raiders' plans to relocate from Oakland, California, to Las Vegas. A year later, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, opening the door to legalized sports betting beyond Nevada.

Suddenly, the NFL had a much different relationship with Las Vegas.

"It's a totally new world," UNLV history professor Michael Green said. "It's a complete flip-flop."

At a Super Bowl event in December, league Commissioner Roger Goodell said he wouldn't have imagined being in Las Vegas to promote the league's premier event 10 years ago.

"You've become Sports Town USA, you really have," Goodell told the crowd. "That vision was set out. That vision was clear. We wanted to be a part of it, and I think when that happened, everything seemed to change."

The crowd was polite as Goodell spoke, but the change in demeanor came from the NFL's side. Las Vegas never relented on its commitment to legalized sports betting.

Goodell was correct, however, about the steps

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DOCUMENT 001113 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS (PUBLIC)
PART 1 - GENERAL
1.1 NOTICE TO BIDDERS
A. Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids for Cub Industries Building Improvements- Phase Two will be received at:
1. Madison Consolidated Schools, 2421 Wilson Ave, Madison, IN 47250
B. Bids will be received until:
1. February 28, 2024, at 2:00 PM (local time) at Madison Consolidated Schools Administration Office, 2421 Wilson Ave., Madison, IN 47250.
2. Bids received after that time will be returned unopened. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
C. Work shall be performed under one Unified Contract.
D. Bids shall be submitted on forms provided in this Project Manual.
E. Bids shall be executed in accordance with Indiana Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (Current Revision) - "Contractor's Bid for Public Works" (available at: http://www.in.gov/sboa/files/Form96.pdf), with a financial statement complying with Section III of Form No. 96, Supplemental Bid Form (Document 004113), a satisfactory Bid Bond, or certified check pursuant to I.C. 36-1-12-4.5, payable to:
1. Madison Consolidated Schools
F. Bid Security shall be in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total price and delivered in a sealed envelope showing the Bidder's name and address.
G. Bid shall be delivered in a sealed envelope plainly labeled to indicate the following:
1. Addressed to:
a. Madison Consolidated Schools
b. Cub Industries Building Improvements- Phase Two
c. Attn: Public Bid
2. The name and return address of the Bidder.
H. Should a successful Bidder withdraw the Bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract, the Owner may then declare the Bid deposit forfeited as liquidated damages.
I. Construction shall be in full accord with Drawings and Specifications. Procurement Documents are obtainable from the printing company listed below for a deposit of $150/set payable to the Owner, which will be refunded when documents are returned in good condition, within seven (7) days after the bid opening. There is a limit of three (3) sets per Bidder, one (1) set per subbidder and supplier, under the refundable policy. Additional sets may be purchased at non-refundable printing costs. A non-refundable fee will be added for postage when necessary. Electronic media of the Drawings and Specifications in PDF format is available to plan-holders (only) from the same printing company for a non-refundable fee of $75.
1. Lynn Imaging
a. 11460 Bluegrass Pkwy, Louisville, KY 40299
b. Phone: 502-499-8400
c. http://www.lynnimaging.com
J. Procurement Documents may be examined by prospective Bidders at the following locations:
1. McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge
a. 8900 Keystone Crossing, Suite 540, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240
b. Phone: (317) 817-9110 / Fax: (317) 571-8201
2. ConstructConnect
a. 3825 Edwards Road, Suite 800, Cincinnati, OH 45209
b. Phone: 800-364-2059
c. https://www.constructconnect.com
3. BX Indiana / Construction League
a. 1200 South Madison Avenue, Suite LL20, Indianapolis, Indiana 46225
b. Phone: (317) 423-7080 / Fax: (317) 423-7094
K. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to waive any informalities or errors in bidding for a period of sixty (60) days after the Bid opening.
L. Bidder receiving the award shall furnish an approved one hundred percent (100%) Performance Bond and a one hundred percent (100%) Labor and Materials Payment Bond which cover faithful performance of the Contract and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder. Said bonds shall remain in full force and effect for twelve (12) months from the date of acceptance of the Work.
M. The Contract to which the Owner will be a party will contain a provision prohibiting the other party to the Contract, and their subcontractors, from engaging in employment practice that constitutes a discrimination against a person because of the person's race, color, sex, religion, national origin or ancestry. The Contractor shall provide an affidavit with each billing, assuring the Owner that this provision has not been violated.
N. Where trade names, brand names, or manufacturers' names are used in this Project Manual, it is for the purpose of establishing kind and quality and not for the purpose of limiting competition. Bidders may offer items or materials equal in quality and having the same durability and efficiency if the Bidder first receives written approval from the Architect/Engineer prior to the date/time of the Bid opening and complying with requirements indicated in Document 002113, "Instructions To Bidders". The Bidder shall identify such substitutions by name, kind, and type with the Bid.
O. A Pre-Bid meeting and tour is scheduled for:
1. Date: February 13, 2024
2. Time: 10:00 AM (local time)
3. Place: Cub Industries Building, 743 Clifty Dr, Madison, IN 47250

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-2310-MF-000903 wherein The Farmers Bank of Milton was Plaintiff, and John F. Earls was Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 28 day of March 2024, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at Jefferson County Jail, 1150 JA Berry Lane, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.
In Madison Township: A part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 4 North, Range 10 East, beginning on the east line of said quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 30 at a point 561 feet south of the northeast corner of the said northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 30; thence south on the quarter section line (which is also the Borcherding Road), one hundred (100) feet; thence west two hundred (200) feet; thence north one hundred (100) feet; thence east two hundred (200) feet to the place of beginning, containing 48/100 of an acre, more or less.
SUBJECT to a right-of-way easement for a sewer line, 15 feet in width, granted to Jefferson County Regional Sewage District No. 1, dated June 14, 1978, and recorded October 12, 1978, in Easement Record 3, Page 363, in the Recorder's Office, Jefferson County, Indiana.
More commonly known as: 1375 N. Borcherding Road, Madison, IN 47250
Parcel No.: 39-08-30-000-018.000-006
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.
"Subject to all lens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as
Cause 39C01-2310-MF-000903 in the Circuit Court of the County of Jefferson, Indiana."
Joshua A. Stigdon, Attorney No. 29501-72
HOUSTON, THOMPSON and LEWIS, PC 59 E. Wardell St., Scottsburg, IN 47170 (812) 752-5920
Sheriff of Jefferson County, Ben Flint
Madison Township
Street Address:
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39D01-2309-MF-000808 wherein U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Dwelling Series V Trust was Plaintiff, and Carlos E. Jeffrey, Karen S. Jeffrey, Portfolio Recovery Associates and Midland Funding LLC, as successor in interest to Dell Financial Services, LLC as Assignee of Webbank, were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 28th day of March, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 am or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 317 S. Walnut Street, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.
BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, MADISON TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 36; THENCE WEST WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION 660.50 FEET TO AN EXISTING STONE; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST (ASSUMED BEARING), 332.65 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF TELEGRAPH HILL ROAD; THENCE WITH THE CENTERLINE OF TELEGRAPH HILL ROAD THE FOLLOWING FIVE COURSES: SOUTH 77 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST, 330.60 FEET; SOUTH 78 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST, 480.58 FEET TO A SPIKE; THENCE SOUTH 78 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST, 1195.26 FEET; SOUTH 55 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 493.74 FEET; SOUTH 49 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST, 382.02 FEET TO A POINT AND THE ACTUAL PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 48 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, 247.50 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD, NORTH 48 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST, 269.05 FEET TO A STEEL T-BAR (PASSING A STEEL T-BAR AT 30.00 FEET); THENCE NORTH 25 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST, 25.72 FEET TO A STEEL T-BAR, THENCE SOUTH 84 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST, 378.51 FEET (PASSING A STEEL T-BAR AT 337.47 FEET) TO A POINT AND THE ACTUAL PLACE OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 0.86266 ACRES, BE THE SAME MORE OR LESS, BUT SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL HIGHWAYS.
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Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.
"Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 39D01-2309-MF-000808 in the Circuit court of the County of Jefferson, Indiana."
Plaintiff Attorney Ben Flint, Sheriff of Jefferson County
Dennis V. Ferguson (8474-49)
Joel F. Bornkamp (27410-49)
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Pacers overcome big game by Miller to beat Hornets 115-99

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Pascal Siakam had 25 points, nine assists and eight rebounds and the Indiana Pacers overcame a career-high 35 points from Hornets rookie Brandon Miller to beat Charlotte 115-99 on Sunday night and snap a three-game skid.

Aaron Nesmith added 22 points and Myles Turner had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Pacers (28-23), who held the Hornets to 39.8% shooting from the field and 27.6% from beyond the arc.

Tyrese Haliburton had 17 points in 20 minutes while remaining on a minutes restriction due to a lingering hamstring injury.

Miller finished 10 of 25 from the field, 10 of 12 from the foul line and had five 3s for the Hornets. P.J. Washington added 22 points for Charlotte (10-38), which has lost seven straight — five by double digits.

Siakam said he is growing more comfortable with his role with the Pacers with each passing game since being acquired in a trade with the Toronto Raptors on Jan. 17.

"Just figuring out that balance and being who I am as a player and also fitting in with the team," Siakam said. "Sometimes I can be trying so hard to make sure everything is right and it can take away from who I am. So everyone is just telling me to be me."

Andrew Nembhard started for the Pacers, and while he didn't score, coach Rick Carlisle said his presence was noticeable.

"That is something we thought made sense really for this game and potentially the next few, we'll see," Carlisle said. "He gives us flexibility and it makes the ecosystem of our roster work better, so that was good."

The Pacers wasted little time jumping on a Hornets team playing without LaMelo Ball, Gordon Hayward, Mark Williams and Cody Martin, scoring the game's first nine points en route to a 26-13 lead after the first quarter. The Pacers held the Hornets to 5-of-25 shooting in the opening quarter.

Indiana led by 24 in the third quarter, but the Hornets would cut the lead to 10 early in the fourth quarter behind Miller, who had 27 points in the second half.

But the Hornets could never get within striking distance, and the Pacers pushed the lead back to 17 after Nesmith stole a pass at midcourt and cashed in with an emphatic breakaway two-handed dunk with 5:36 left to secure a wire-to-wire victory.

"He's going to be really good," Haliburton said of Miller, the No. 2 overall pick. "He listens and you can see the improvement. ... With a lot of their guys hurt, it has been kind of baptism by fire for him. He's being looked at to do more than if everyone were healthy."

Hornets coach Steve Clifford said Miller's steady improvement hasn't surprised him.

"He works hard, he's very diligent and that's the way it works," Clifford said. "He's got a lot of talent, he works hard, so he gets better. He's getting better for the right reasons. He's being double teamed now and he did a good job against that, passing out of it."

Miller said his teammates are pushing him to be more aggressive.

"You know we have guys out, so everybody has to step up," Miller said. "So I think just stepping up being more aggressive coming out with the energy that we need to win a ballgame, that's important for us."

Miles Bridges had a rough night for the Hornets, finishing 8 of 23 from the floor while missing six layups.

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the city took to become a major player in the sports world. In addition to the Raiders' move, Las Vegas joined the NHL and WNBA and won a combined three championships in both leagues. Baseball's Oakland Athletics are on their way, and LeBron James has spoken openly about wanting to own an NBA team here.

Getting the Raiders was the key to the improved ties between the league and city. A secretive 2015 meeting that included Bo Bernhard, then the UNLV International Gaming Institute executive director, and Raiders owner Mark Davis planted the seed. Bernhard ended up producing a white paper that Davis took to the league to show Las Vegas would be a valuable host city.

"I was just there at the beginning, like the coin toss in football," Bernhard said. "A lot of really powerful people got it to the goal line."

One of those was Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, who made the case to his peers to open the Las Vegas market. "He felt pretty strongly that this was going to be a success," Hill said.

The owners approved the move by a 31-1 vote. Only the Miami Dolphins' Stephen Ross voted against it.

"It's a great sports town, a great city," Jones said. "It has borne out to be one of the most successful things that we've done was joining Las Vegas with the NFL."

When the Supreme Court overturned PASPA, suddenly states beyond Nevada were lining up to legalize sports betting. Now it's legal is 38 states, and in 2021 the NFL announced it had partnered with four sports betting companies.

"I saw this coming," said Baird Fogel, a California attorney who works with the sports betting industry. "That's why I got into it. I'm not saying I'm Nostradamus, but the amount of revenue we're talking about couldn't be ignored anymore."

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"It was very nerve wracking, but I'm so happy it went so well. It's awesome," Kuppler said. "I knew I was seeded first and I knew it was just going to be a lot to think about. But I also knew that I was going out there and doing it for myself. So if I won, that's amazing. If I got a PR and I lost, it was amazing, but it's just a bonus that I get to go to state."

Canida, who went to the state finals last year as a freshman in the 100 freestyle, doubled her distance this year and won by nearly a minute over Floyd Central's Claire Jones. She narrowly missed joining Kuppler as a double-winner when she placed third in the 200 butterfly in 1:02.09 after leading the field at the midway point.

"I feel like people kind of know who I am now after last year. It's kind of a pressure because you're expected to win, so I feel like it was pressure but was also exciting," Canida said. "I was pretty tired after (the 200) and I feel like I just really wanted the 200 more than the fly. I'm not disappointed in myself. But I definitely feel like I could have done better. So there's always next year."

Kuppler and Canida almost led two relays to the state finals as well. The pair teamed with Annalise Roney and Emma Wynn to finish second in the 200 freestyle relay in 1:43.95 and with Wynn and Avery Johnson to finish second in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:49.12. Madison was seeded No. 1 in the 200 relay.

"I feel like we're going to get one of those relays one of these days," Schutte said. "Floyd Central is just so good and they're hard to overcome."

While Madison was taking all of the highlights, both Southwestern and Switzerland County posted strong days as well.

Southwestern finished seventh out of 15 teams while Switzerland was ninth and both squads set new school records.

Southwestern's 200 freestyle relay team of Raygan Crawford, Riley Crawford, Alexis Dean-Wells and Natalee Crawford was fifth with a new school-record time of 1:49.49 while Switzerland's 400 freestyle relay team of Piper Taylor, Eva Hicks, Kaelin Taylor and Ava Cole set a school record of 4:24.68 while placing sixth.

Other finishes for Madison were: Johnson, third, 100 back, 1:01.89 and seventh, 200 IM, 2:24.40; Kira Brittain, Roney, Johnson and Penelope Bibbs, fifth, 200 medley relay, 2:02.94; Bibbs, 10th, 100 back, 1:07.79; Bridget Cline, 11th, 100 breast, 1:25.37; Roney, 13th, 50 free, 27.92; Wynn, 13th, 100 free, 1:01.99 and 16th, 50 free, 28.16; and Brittain, 16th, 100 back, 1:12.33.

Other finishes for Southwestern were: Natalee Crawford, fifth, 50 free, 26.24 and sixth, fifth, 100 free, 56.93; Raygan Crawford, 100 fly, fifth, 1:02.83 and eighth, 100 back, 1:07.45; Riley Crawford, Adalei Watson, Raygan Crawford and Natalee Crawford, sixth, 200 medley relay, 2:06.53; Riley Crawford, 10th, 100 free, 59.82 and 12th, 100 back, 1:07.97; Dean-Wells, 13th, 500 free, 6:40.78; and Watson, 15th, 500 free, 6:55.83.

Other finishes for Switzerland County were: Ava Cole, Eva Hicks, Molly Hicks and Piper Taylor, ninth, 200 medley relay, 2:14.47; Kaelin Taylor, Eva Hicks, Molly Hicks and Piper Taylor, ninth, 200 free relay, 2:01.36; Kaelin Taylor, 12th, 500 free, 6:24.61 and 16th, 200 free, 2:27.65; Molly Hicks, 15th, 200 IM, 2:43.72; Cole, 15th, 100 fly, 1:14.12; and Eva Hicks, 16th, 100 breast, 1:27.50.

Floyd Central scored 493 points to win its seventh-straight sectional title and 16th overall. Seymour was second with 327 points and was followed by Jeffersonville (312), Madison (223), New Albany (200), Jennings County (165), Southwestern (124), Charlestown (94), Switzerland County (73), Providence (44), Salem (37), Henryville (31), Scottsburg (22), Christian Academy (9) and Silver Creek (2).

The IHSAA State Finals will be held at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis starting on Friday. All competition will be streamed live at IHSAAtv.org.

MATCH

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through a horrific first half that saw her go 2-for-16 from the floor to finish with a double-double of 15 points and 10 rebounds with three steals and two assists. Mylee McQueary was in foul trouble early and finished with eight points and three rebounds.

On Friday night, Madison rolled through Salem 54-32 in the sectional semifinals. The Cubs jumped out to a 16-4 lead after the first quarter and led by as many as 31 (43-12) before settling in for the 22-point win.

"We were really, really happy for our kids. It's really easy for 15-, 16-, 17-year-old kids to beat a team earlier in the year and just assume that they're going to be fine," Dennis said. "But they came out with pretty good focus and really good effort."

Davis had 16 points, five rebounds, five steals and two assists for the Cubs. Caity Dailey had 15 points and six rebounds while McQueary scored 11 points.

Madison ends the season with a 12-13 record and graduates four seniors: Owens, Daily, Hannah Dart and Iyana Phelps. Dennis said he is going to miss each of them.

"It was hard for them last year knowing that we had so many seniors and most of them didn't get a chance to play much. But this was going to be their year," Dennis said. "Each of them are the type of kids that you know you'll see them again in a few years and they're just going to be so successful in whatever it is they are doing. I'm just so happy that they, their parents and this school gave me the opportunity to coach them."

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up a 17-2 technical fall against Franklin's Ryan Million in the semifinals. He then posted an 11-2 major decision against Columbus East's Gage Rutan in the finals.

Five other local wrestlers finished in the top four to punch their ticket to the semistate this weekend.

Switzerland's Ethan Rose (40-5) finished second at 106 pounds. Rose pinned Silver Creek's Lucas Spaw in 59 seconds in the quarterfinals and Columbus Norths' Nolan Riley in 3:51 in the semifinals. He then suffered a loss by pin in 1:45 to Columbus East's Talon Jessup in the finals.

Switzerland's Gabe Rose (22-5) placed second at 144 pounds. Rose pinned Charlestown's Austin Tullis in 1:48 in the quarters then pinned Columbus North's Josiah Green in 53 seconds in the semifinals. But he then lost 9-2 to Columbus East's Caleb Cooper in the championship.

Madison's Eli Stewart (27-7) placed third at 120 pounds and Zane Skinner (21-15) was fourth at 150 pounds. Switzerland's Dakota Fields (31-10) finished fourth at 120 pounds.

Madison's Ayden Waggoner (27-6) lost his only match at 175 pounds and Switzerland's Ethan Jones (34-9) lost his first match at 138 pounds as neither advanced.

Columbus East scored 168.5 points to win the regional title with Franklin placing second with 140 and Columbus North third with 130.5. Switzerland was fourth with 66.5 points and Madison tied for seventh with 39.

The semistate will be held at the Ford Center in Evansville on Saturday. A top three finish there will qualify a wrestler for the IHSAA state finals.

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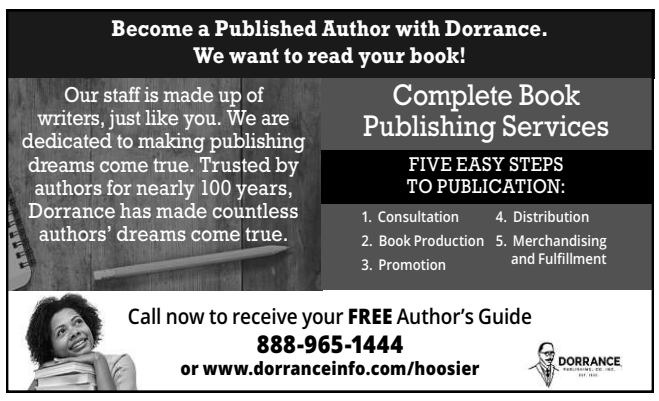
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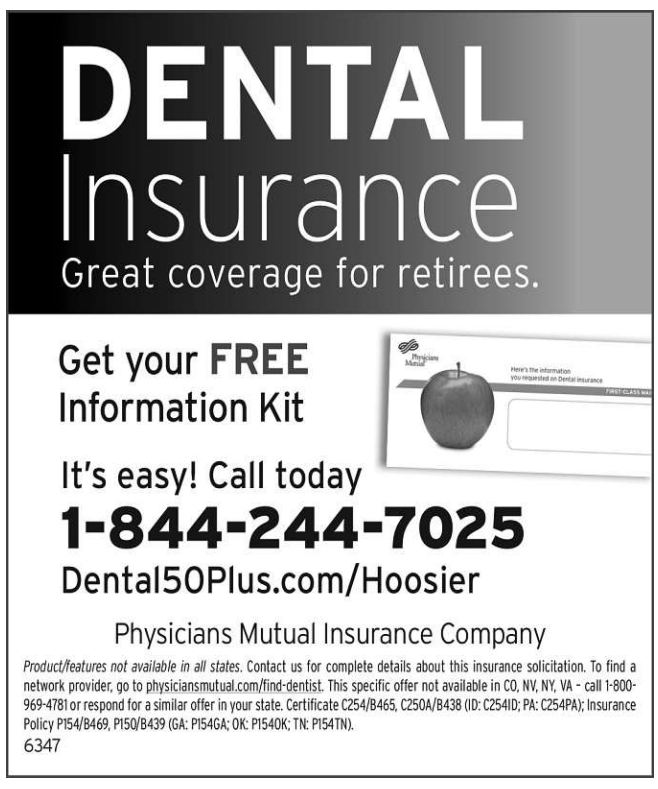
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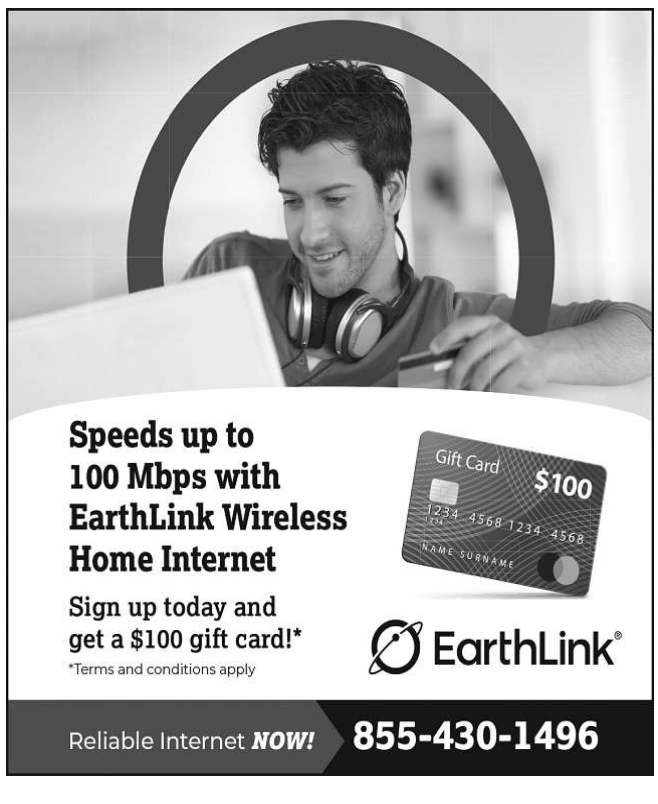
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